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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate are saddened to learn of the death of Donald Gray Schmidt of Hinsdale, who passed away on April 20, 2011; and

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WHEREAS, Donald Schmidt was born on November 20, 1925, in Hinsdale; and

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WHEREAS, Donald Schmidt was a graduate of Hinsdale Central High School and the Missouri School of Mines (metallurgical engineering); he subsequently earned his master's degree in business administration from the University of Chicago; and

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WHEREAS, Donald Schmidt served as director for the DuPage Historical Society and worked with the Hinsdale Historical Society; he was a Republican committeeman and served on numerous boards at Union Church; he traveled and consulted with the Executive Service Corps of Chicago, where he donated his professional expertise and knowledge to groups and countries in need; he volunteered with Earth Watch Society, doing research in Fiji, Australia, Thailand, the Cook Islands, New Zealand, Africa, Scotland, and the Caribbean; he was also recognized throughout his professional career on numerous occasions with awards from industry professionals and colleagues; and

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1           WHEREAS, Donald Schmidt received an honorable discharge  
2 from the United States Navy for distinguished service in the  
3 Pacific Theater; and

4           WHEREAS, Donald Schmidt was a long-standing member of the  
5 American Foundry Society and the Minerals, Metals and Materials  
6 Society; he was also an Eagle Scout and leader of Troop 10 in  
7 Hinsdale; and

8           WHEREAS, Donald Schmidt shared his passion for antique cars  
9 with Hinsdale residents, driving in many of Hinsdale's 4th of  
10 July parades, and had a life-long love of both jazz and  
11 symphony music; he was a generous contributor to many  
12 charitable and artistic organizations throughout his life; he  
13 enjoyed sharing and enjoying the arts, museums, and musical  
14 performances with his wife; and

15           WHEREAS, Donald Schmidt was granted several patents from  
16 the U.S. Patent office for products he designed; and

17           WHEREAS, Donald Schmidt was preceded in death by his  
18 son-in-law, David Smith; and

19           WHEREAS, Donald Schmidt is survived by his wife of 29  
20 years, Beverly; his children, Peter (Lisa) Schmidt, Rebecca  
21 Smith, and Amy (Jerzy Koturewicz) Schmidt; his wife's children,

1 Mark (Pam) Anderson and Kristin (David) Edstrom; and his  
2 grandchildren, Brian, Jenny, Christina, Justin, Ainsley, and  
3 Alec; therefore, be it

4 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL  
5 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn, along with  
6 his family and friends, the passing of Donald Gray Schmidt; and  
7 be it further

8 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
9 presented to the family of Donald Schmidt as an expression of  
10 our sympathy.