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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 Dean C. Howard of Peoria, who passed away on August 1, 2011; and

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WHEREAS, Dean Howard was born on November 17, 1918, in Cleveland, Ohio; his parents were Thomas and Florence Dean Howard; he married Patricia Smith on May 26, 1945, in Sandusky, Ohio; and

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WHEREAS, Dean Howard served as a lieutenant with the United States Navy's Third Fleet in the Pacific theatre during World War II; and

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WHEREAS, Dean Howard served as a professor at Bradley University in the music department for 36 years until his retirement in 1984; he was a former member of the Peoria Symphony, the Peoria Municipal Band, and the Bradley Community Chorus and Orchestra; during this time, he also served at the choir director of the 1st United Methodist Church in East Peoria and the Forrest Hill United Methodist Church in Peoria; and

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WHEREAS, While teaching at Bradley University, Dean Howard received the Putnam Award for Excellence in Teaching in 1962,

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1 the Outstanding Educator's Award in 1973, and the Who's Who in
2 Music in 1974; many of his compositions have been published
3 and, in 1983, he was commissioned to compose "Celebration" for
4 the Peoria Civic Center opening; he also enjoyed playing the
5 piano; and

6 WHEREAS, Dean Howard was self-taught in watercolor and
7 received numerous awards from 1965 to 1990; and

8 WHEREAS, Dean Howard was preceded in death by his wife and
9 his sister, Marion; and

10 WHEREAS, Dean Howard is survived by his sons, Tim (Sandi)
11 Howard, Tom (Debbie) Howard, and Ted Howard, and his grandsons,
12 Christopher and Patrick Howard; therefore, be it

13 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL
14 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn, along with
15 his family and friends, the passing of Dean C. Howard; and be
16 it further

17 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
18 presented to the family of Dean Howard as an expression of our
19 sympathy.