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1 SENATE RESOLUTION

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2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate are saddened to 3 learn of the death of William J. Larson of Batavia, formerly of 4 Joliet, who passed away August 1, 2011; and

5 WHEREAS, He was born in Benton; he was a resident of Joliet 6 for 75 years before moving to Batavia; and

WHEREAS, He was highly educated; he attended Joliet Public Schools and graduated with the Joliet Township High School Class of 1941; he graduated from the Illinois Institute of Technology; he attended the University of Nebraska, the University of Michigan, Michigan State University, and the University of Chicago; and

WHEREAS, He worked for more than 65 years to protect people, property, and the environment, joining the American Society of Safety Engineers on May 1, 1946; he belonged to the Three Rivers Chapter of the American Society of Safety Engineers; and he retired in 1987 from the Argonne National Laboratory as a Safety Engineering Supervisor; and

WHEREAS, He earned the Professional Engineer designation; he received professional recognition from the National Safety Council; and he received the 1991-92 Charles V. Culbertson

1 Outstanding Volunteer Service Award from the American Society

- of Safety Engineers; and
- 3 WHEREAS, He was a member of the Evangelical Covenant Church
- 4 of Batavia, and a charter member of the Covenant Church of the
- 5 Good Shepherd; and
- 6 WHEREAS, He was preceded in death by his parents, Thure and
- 7 Ruth (nee, Anderson) Larson; and
- 8 WHEREAS, William Larson is survived by his loving wife of
- 9 66 years, Ruth V. (nee, Cannon) Larson; his son, John P.
- 10 Larson; his daughter, Barbara (Paul) Green; his 4
- 11 grandchildren; his 10 great-grandchildren; his
- 12 great-great-grandson; his sister, Mary Lou (Reverend Robert)
- 13 Liljegren; and several nieces and nephews; therefore, be it
- 14 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL
- 15 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn, along with
- 16 his family and friends, the passing of William Larson; and be
- 17 it further
- 18 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
- 19 presented to the family of William Larson as a symbol of our
- 20 sincere sympathy.