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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 Jack Wallace Lawton, who passed away on December 12, 2011; and

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WHEREAS, Jack Lawton was born on September 9, 1922, in Chicago; his parents were John Walter Lawton and Emma Marie Lawton; he married Dorothy Mae Felker on July 13, 1943; and

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WHEREAS, After graduating from Lane Tech High School in Chicago, Jack Lawton enlisted in the United States Navy in 1942; he served as a torpedo bomber pilot on the U.S.S. Franklin as part of Torpedo Squadron #13 during World War II; during the war, he was shot down at Iwo Jima, rescued by submarine, and later returned to the war; he was awarded 2 Distinguished Flying Crosses and one Purple Heart for his meritorious service; and

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WHEREAS, After attending Northwestern University, Jack Lawton and his wife settled in Hinsdale; for 42 years, he worked for the Illinois Bell Telephone Company, where he was head of Operations and Installation for the Chicagoland area; and

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WHEREAS, Jack Lawton served as president of Ruth Lake

1 Country Club and as President of Redeemer Lutheran Church in
2 Hinsdale; he also served as president of Royal Palm Country
3 Club and Royal Wood Country Club in Naples, Florida, as well as
4 the Marco Lutheran Church on Marco Island, Florida; and

5 WHEREAS, Jack Lawton is survived by his beloved wife of 68
6 years, Dottie; he was the cherished father of Sue Kveton
7 (Skip), Greg Lawton (Maureen), Steve Lawton (Kathy), Jeff
8 Lawton, and Matthew Lawton (Cassandra); he was a devoted and
9 loving grandfather to Jennifer, Scott, Raina, Greg Jr.,
10 Gretchen, Alyssa, Alexander, Ali, Alana, and Olivia; he was
11 also the devoted great-grandfather of Jay, Maggie, Paige,
12 Keegan, Savana, Fergus, Brady, Zivio, and Anezka; therefore, be
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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 Jack Wallace Lawton; and
17 be it further

18 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
19 presented to the family of Jack Lawton as an expression of our
20 sympathy.