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SENATE RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate are saddened to learn of the death of Richard "Dick" Jaeger of Geneva, who passed away on January 24, 2012; and

WHEREAS, A lifelong resident of Geneva Illinois, he was educated at St. Patrick's grade school (St. Charles) and Marmion Military Academy; and

WHEREAS, As a young man he sang tenor in a barbershop quartet with his father and his 2 brothers; after service in the Army Air Force during World War II, he graduated from Loras College in Dubuque, Iowa, where he met and married his wife of 62 years, Norma; and

WHEREAS, He was the Sales Manager of the Elmhurst Chicago Stone Company for 35 years and was past President of the Illinois Ready Mixed Concrete Association; and

WHEREAS, He was tireless in his involvement in his community and church, chiefly as a fundraiser; he was elected to the Geneva School Board and served on the Geneva History Center Board; he was a communicant of the old and new St. Peter Church in Geneva where he taught religious education for 17 years; his love for his church was evidenced by countless hours

1 of service to St. Peter's; he was thrilled to have attended a  
2 Papal Mass in Rome with his wife and daughters; and

3 WHEREAS, He used his woodworking skills, first creating  
4 Christmas ornaments depicting historic buildings of Geneva  
5 that he and Norma used to help raise funds for the Geneva  
6 History Center and then began building model replicas of the  
7 buildings; these award-winning pieces of folk art, on display  
8 at the Geneva History Center, are a reminder of his affection  
9 for his hometown; and

10 WHEREAS, An avid sport fisherman, he traveled all over  
11 North America, as recently as this past summer, with his sons  
12 and close friends; and

13 WHEREAS, He was preceded in death by his son, Steven; his  
14 parents, Justin and Blanche; his brother, Jack; and his  
15 sisters, Bette Koehler, Ann Cantrall, and Judy; and

16 WHEREAS, Richard Jaeger is survived by his wife, Norma; his  
17 children, Richard II, Sue (David Mitchell), J. Patrick (Julie),  
18 Nan (Richard Manning), Beth, Paula (Paul Pikowitz), and David  
19 (Theresa); his grandchildren, Ryan, Ashley, and Richard Jaeger  
20 III, Christopher, David, and Stephanie Mitchell, Madeline and  
21 Corinne Manning, and Grace Jaeger; his brother, Gene  
22 (Florence); his sister, Mary; and his sister-in-law Eleanor;

1 therefore, be it

2 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL  
3 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn, along with  
4 his family and friends, the passing of Richard Jaeger; and be  
5 it further

6 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
7 presented to the family of Richard Jaeger as a symbol of our  
8 sincere sympathy.