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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 Neil L. Pobanz of Varna, formerly of East Moline, who passed away on May 26, 2012; and

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WHEREAS, He was born June 7, 1938, in Geneseo, to Clifford L. and Enid (Drehmer) Pobanz; he was married to Carolyn Hosp from 1963 to 1976; he was later married to Judy Hodges from 1977 to 1986; he grew up in Galva and graduated from Galva High School; he resided most of his life in East Moline but moved to Varna in 1993; he attended Parks College in Cahokia; and

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WHEREAS, His extensive and dedicated career in aviation included military service in the United States Army from 1961 to 1963, and after discharge, he continued employment as a civilian at the Rock Island Arsenal; after 32 years experience, he retired from the position of Army Material Command Aviation Officer; and

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WHEREAS, From 1995 to the present, he was the manager of the Marshall County Airport in Lacon; under his leadership, the airport received the award for Small General Aviation Airport of the Year in Illinois; he was also the previous owner and operator of the FBO of Lacon Aero Service Inc., Marshall County Emergency Services Disaster Agency coordinator, and the senior

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1 technical consultant for American Bonanza Society; and

2 WHEREAS, He was inducted into the Illinois Aviation Hall of  
3 Fame and received recognition and awards for his performance  
4 and endeavors to promote aviation safety, especially  
5 addressing aging aircraft issues, continuing education,  
6 mentoring young people interested in aviation, especially CAP,  
7 maintaining communications with government officials in  
8 aviation matters, and his involvement in aviation repair at the  
9 yearly Oshkosh EAA AirVenture; and

10 WHEREAS, An informal gathering will be held at the Marshall  
11 County Airport on June 15, 2012, the evening before the  
12 traditional Father's Day fly-in or drive-in pancake breakfast,  
13 in memory of Mr. Pobanz; and

14 WHEREAS, He was preceded in death by his parents; and

15 WHEREAS, Neil Pobanz is survived by his daughter, Brenda  
16 (Art) Williams; his son, Chad Pobanz; their mother, Carolyn  
17 Pobanz; his special friend, Nancy Umphress; his stepmother,  
18 Willicene Pobanz; his stepbrother, Darold (May) Cherry; his  
19 stepsister, Marilyn (Gary) Bourne; and his cousins, Sandra  
20 Pobanz, Pauline Westerlund Makowski, Susan Westerlund Egbert,  
21 Pricilla Westerlund Blattner, Diane Westerlund, Steven,  
22 Richard, Roger Westerlund, and Daniel Westerlund; therefore,

1 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 Neil Pobanz; and be it  
5 further

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