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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 L. James "Jim" Struif, who passed away on June 26, 2012; and

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WHEREAS, Jim Struif was born on September 18, 1931, in Alton; he was the son of the late Leo John and Clara Lillie (Bauer) Struif; he married Shirley Spatz Cummings in 1965; and

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WHEREAS, Jim Struif graduated from Alton Senior High School in January of 1949 and Northwestern University in 1953; after leaving the Navy, he attended law school at the University of Illinois, where he graduated in 1959; and

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WHEREAS, Jim Struif enlisted in the United States Navy in 1954; he served 4 years of sea duty on a submarine in the Pacific Ocean, where he was a submarine officer; and

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WHEREAS, Jim Struif served as a legal counsel and as a faculty member at Southern Illinois University in Edwardsville for 5 years; he was in general law practice from 1963 until his retirement in 2011 and opened a private practice in 1968; and

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WHEREAS, Jim Struif was a member of the Evangelical United Church of Christ, where he was an Elder, taught Sunday school,

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1 and designed and maintained the Courtyard Garden; he was active
2 in the Boy Scouts of America, first as a scout, then as a camp
3 counselor and later as a Scoutmaster; he worked as a civil
4 rights activist in Mississippi in 1966 and was one of the
5 founders of the Madison County Urban League; he was also a
6 life-long conservationist involved in prairie restoration and
7 helped found the Nature Institute; and

8 WHEREAS, Jim Struif enjoyed gardening, magic, and music;
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10 WHEREAS, Jim Struif is survived by his wife, Shirley; his
11 children, Scott Struif and his wife, Kerry, Jamie
12 Struif-Pehowski and her husband, Steven, Susie Bazzell and her
13 husband, Lance, and Jeff Struif and his wife, Missy; his
14 grandchildren, Jessica Johnson, Brennan Struif, Adam Pehowski,
15 Jenna Pehowski, Connor Bazzell, Chloe Bazzell, Lola Struif, and
16 Hattie Struif; his great-grandchild, Collin Griffin; his
17 sister, Jean Malone; and his many nieces and nephews;
18 therefore, be it

19 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL
20 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn, along with
21 his family and friends, the passing of L. James "Jim" Struif;
22 and be it further

1 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
2 presented to the family of Jim Struif as an expression of our
3 sympathy.