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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 John "Jack" William Kerr of St. Charles, who passed away on July 2, 2012; and

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WHEREAS, John Kerr was born on February 24, 1935, and was raised in Jacksonville, Florida; he married Mary Celestia Neder in 1960; and

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WHEREAS, John Kerr attended Davidson College, where he pledged with Sigma Alpha Epsilon and earned his bachelor's degree in economics; and

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WHEREAS, After college, John Kerr joined the United States Army, where he was commissioned as a 2nd lieutenant, and received orders to report for active duty for 2 years; in 1959, he was released from active duty and was reassigned to the U.S. Army Reserves, where he served in various positions and was promoted to the rank of lieutenant colonel; he retired from the U.S. Army Reserves in 1987 after 30 years of dedicated service; and

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WHEREAS, In 1963, John Kerr and his wife moved to St. Petersburg, Florida, where he began employment with Allstate Insurance Company; he and his family were transferred to

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1 Marietta, Georgia, in 1980; in 1985, they transferred again to  
2 St. Charles; he retired from Allstate Insurance Company in 1995  
3 after 32 years of service; and

4 WHEREAS, John Kerr served as a commissioner of the St.  
5 Charles Park District Board since 1987; he also served as  
6 president, vice-president, treasurer and secretary of the  
7 board; he served as a representative and treasurer for the  
8 Norris Cultural Arts Center Board; he was a representative on  
9 the Kane County Citizens Advisory Committee, the River Corridor  
10 Foundation, the Kane County Judicial Center Master Plan  
11 Committee, and the Fox Valley Special Recreation Association;  
12 he was an active member of the St. Charles Kiwanis Club and a  
13 past president of the Benevolent Order of Youthful Seniors  
14 Club; he served as a Republican precinct committee member; he  
15 was also a very active member of St. Charles Episcopal Church,  
16 where he served as a Sunday school teacher, chairman of the  
17 Stewardship Committee, and senior warden; and

18 WHEREAS, John Kerr was preceded in death by his parents,  
19 Ellen and James Kerr, and his brothers, James K. Kerr Jr. and  
20 Robert Kerr; and

21 WHEREAS, John Kerr is survived by his wife, Mary; his son,  
22 John William Jr. (Kristen); his daughter, Jennifer Kerr  
23 Robinson; his grandsons, Joshua Michael and Jacob Thomas; his

1 sisters, Virginia Houser and Ellene McKinney; and his many  
2 nephews, nieces, and friends; therefore, be it

3 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL  
4 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn, along with  
5 his family and friends, the passing of John "Jack" William  
6 Kerr; and be it further

7 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
8 presented to the family of John Kerr as an expression of our  
9 sympathy.