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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 Robert W. "Major" Georgantas, Sr. of Lockport, who passed away on January 21, 2014; and

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WHEREAS, Robert Georgantas, Sr. was born in Joliet to Anthony and Margaret (nee Palmer) Georgantas; he served in the United States Air Force during World War II and settled in Lockport in 1946; and

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WHEREAS, Robert Georgantas, Sr. entered the Illinois State Police Academy in March of 1949 and was assigned to State Police District 5 in Joliet as a trooper; he was promoted to Sergeant in 1952; he was assigned to District 4 in Blue Island as a District Commander and promoted to Lieutenant in 1959; he graduated from the FBI National Academy at Quantico in 1961 and transferred back to District 5 as Acting Commander; he was promoted to Captain in 1963 and was District Commander until being promoted to Major in 1975; he was in command of Area 1, Districts 2-3-4-5, and the District 15 Toll Road until he retired in 1978; after retiring from the Illinois State Police, he ran Bob's Shell in Bolingbrook, Joliet, and Lockport with his son, retiring in 1995; and

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WHEREAS, Robert Georgantas, Sr. enjoyed hosting picnics

1 for the Will County Police Chiefs and Illinois State retirees  
2 at his home on the Kankakee River in Wilmington; he was  
3 past-President of the Will County Police Chiefs Association,  
4 the Cook County Council of Police Chiefs, and Lockport Boy's  
5 Baseball for 20 years and coached 18-year olds baseball; he was  
6 a member of the Illinois Association of Chiefs of Police, the  
7 International Association of Chiefs of Police, the FBI National  
8 Academy Association, the Fraternal Order of Police 41 Lodge,  
9 the Will County Sheriff's Merit Commission since 1987 and  
10 Chairman of the Commission since 1989; he also was a member of  
11 the Lockport Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #5788, the Lockport  
12 American Legion John Olson Post #18, a 50-year member of the  
13 Lockport Moose Lodge #1557, and a life-member of the Joliet  
14 Rivals Club; and

15 WHEREAS, Robert Georgantas, Sr. was preceded in death by  
16 his wife, Gloria (nee Fracaro); his parents; his brothers,  
17 George and Donald; and his sister, Betty Bick; and

18 WHEREAS, Robert Georgantas, Sr. is survived by his  
19 children, Cindy Georgantas and Robert W., Jr. (Paulette); his  
20 grandchildren, Dr. Robert W., III, Laine (Josh) Vallero, Ginny  
21 Georgantas, Dominic (Kate), Angela Welter, Dena Welter, Lisa  
22 Welter, and Gina (Joe) Palluck; his 7 great-grandchildren; his  
23 brothers, Clarence (Terry) and Richard (Judy); his sisters,  
24 Connie A'Hearn and Lorraine (the late David) A'Hearn; and

1 numerous nieces and nephews; therefore, be it

2       RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL  
3 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of  
4 Robert W. "Major" Georgantas, Sr., and extend our sincere  
5 condolences to his family, friends, and all who knew and loved  
6 him; and be it further

7       RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
8 presented to the family of Robert Georgantas, Sr. as an  
9 expression of our deepest sympathy.