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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 Joseph Barclay Organ, who passed away on May 26, 2014; and

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WHEREAS, Joseph Organ was born on January 14, 1925 in Oak Park; he was a lifelong resident of Oak Park and River Forest; he married his loving wife, Marilyn, in 1950; and

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WHEREAS, Joseph Organ attended Mann Elementary School and was a graduate of Fenwick High School; and

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WHEREAS, Joseph Organ served in the United States Army during World War II and was stationed in Europe; and

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WHEREAS, After the war, Joseph Organ attended Kenyon College in Gambier, Ohio, where he was a member of the Alpha Delta Phi fraternity; after graduation, he returned to Oak Park and worked for the family lumber and garage-building business; and

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WHEREAS, Joseph Organ was involved in real estate throughout his career; he built residential homes and was a licensed realtor; he later worked as supervisor of property acquisitions for the Illinois Department of Transportation;

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2 WHEREAS, Joseph Organ served on the River Forest Park
3 District Board for over 30 years, many of them as board
4 president; he served as president and was a longtime member of
5 the River Forest Service Club; he also served as commander of
6 River Forest American Legion Post 730 and was an active member
7 of the River Forest Republican Organization; and

8 WHEREAS, Joseph Organ was the recipient of the Community
9 Service Award from the River Forest Service Club in 2006 for
10 his long history of volunteer service in the community; and

11 WHEREAS, During his retirement, Joseph Organ was a daily
12 communicant at St. Luke Church in River Forest; he also enjoyed
13 spending time with his devoted family and watching thoroughbred
14 racing with friends at Maywood Park Racetrack; and

15 WHEREAS, Joseph Organ was preceded in death by his parents,
16 Patrick Joseph Organ and Marie Callahan Organ, and 2 sisters,
17 Patricia Organ Davis Fox McGah and Sally Organ Hughes; and

18 WHEREAS, Joseph Organ is survived by his wife of 64 years,
19 Marilyn; 3 children, Joseph Barclay Organ, Jr., Melinda Organ
20 Brennan (Terry), and Marcia O'Brien Organ (Michael); 4
21 grandchildren, Marcella Brennan and Mike, Maggie, and Jack

1 O'Brien; and many 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, along with his
4 family and friends, mourn the passing of Joseph Barclay Organ;
5 and be it further

6 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
7 presented to the family of Joseph Organ as an expression of our
8 sympathy.