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1 SENATE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate are saddened to
3 learn of the death of John E. "Jack" Benson of Waukegan, who
4 passed away on January 10, 2016; and

5 WHEREAS, John Benson was born to Arnold and Eunice (nee
6 Clapham) Benson on April 25, 1937; he graduated from North
7 Elementary School, Waukegan Township High School in 1954, and
8 the University of Denver with a degree in business
9 administration; he served in the National Guard, earning the
10 rank of Sergeant; and

11 WHEREAS, John Benson became an electrician, working for his
12 father at Benson Electric; when his father retired, he took
13 over as President; he successfully ventured into traffic
14 signals, street lighting, and other areas; and

15 WHEREAS, John Benson was active with the National
16 Electrical Contractors; he served as President of the Waukegan
17 Jaycees and the Lake County Contractors Association; he was a
18 50-year member of International Brotherhood of Electrical
19 Workers Local 150 and a 54-year member the Glen Flora C.C. City
20 Club; he served on the Apprenticeship Board and the Waukegan
21 Historical Committee; and

1 WHEREAS, John Benson enjoyed golf, traveling, sudoku,
2 dancing, milkshakes, and the adventurous surprises his wife
3 came up with such as heli-hiking, white water rafting, and
4 kayaking; and

5 WHEREAS, John Benson is survived by his loving wife of 55
6 years, Anne; his sister, Jane; his sister-in-law, Diane; and
7 his numerous nephews and nieces; therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL
9 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
10 John E. "Jack" Benson, and extend our sincere condolences to
11 his family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it
12 further

13 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
14 presented to the family of John Benson as an expression of our
15 deepest sympathy.