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1 SENATE RESOLUTION

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2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate are saddened to 3 learn of the death of March "Mike" Wells Jr. of Louisville, 4 Kentucky; and

5 WHEREAS, March Wells Jr. was born in Grand Rapids, Michigan 6 to Helen Lee and March Wells Sr. on October 3, 1928; he moved 7 to McLean County at an early age; he graduated from Trinity 8 High School in Bloomington; he earned a degree in economics 9 from the University of Miami, where he was a member of Phi 10 Gamma Delta fraternity; In 1951, he joined the United States Navy and attained the rank of Lieutenant Junior Grade and 11 traveled to both the Arctic and Antarctic; and 12

WHEREAS, March Wells Jr. was employed by Dealer's Transport for many years and owned three Big O Tire stores; and

WHEREAS, March Wells Jr. was active in the Rotary and was a Kentucky Colonel; he was also a charter member of Hunting Creek Country Club; he was president of the Early American Copper Society from 1999 until 2002; one of his greatest passions was coin collecting, particularly large cents; he was an avid fan of University of Louisville sports, especially basketball, and was a season ticket holder for more than 50 years; he also enjoyed golf; and

- 1 WHEREAS, March Wells Jr. was preceded in death by his
- 2 parents; and his wife of 49 years, Sara; and
- 3 WHEREAS, March Wells Jr. is survived by his sons, March
- 4 (Marcia) Wells III, John L. (Lori) Wells, and Paul W. Wells;
- 5 his daughter, Amy (Paul) Wells Gruner; his daughter-in-law,
- 6 Kimi Day Wells; and his grandchildren, Isaac, Michaela, Morgan,
- 7 Sara, Patrick, and Benjamin; therefore, be it
- 8 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL
- 9 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
- 10 March Wells Jr. and extend our sincere condolences to his
- 11 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 March "Mike" Wells Jr. as an
- expression of our deepest sympathy.