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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Senate of the State of Illinois learned with regret of the death of Joseph Peck of Wilmette on Thursday, November 30, 2006; and

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WHEREAS, He was born on October 9, 1925 in Chicago to Hyman and Sonia Peckerman; he was united in marriage to the former Roslyn Mendell on November 23, 1950, and they recently celebrated their 56th wedding anniversary; and

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WHEREAS, He grew up in the Humboldt Park neighborhood and was a member of the Humboldt Park Boys Club, where he played basketball, baseball, and tennis; he helped his parents by working in their Devon Avenue newsstand on Saturday nights and held various jobs as a dime store clerk, movie theater usher, and shoe salesman; he expressed his creativity by painting pictures from ages 12 to 18; and

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WHEREAS, He graduated from Tuley High School in 1941 at the age of 16 and was admitted into Chicago Teachers College, where he started as center for the basketball team and was sports editor for the Chicago Teachers College newspaper; he served in the Army Air Corps during World War II and then returned to obtain an accounting degree from DePaul University in 1947; and

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WHEREAS, He became a CPA in 1950 and subsequently graduated from DePaul Law School in 1956; he was admitted to the Illinois State Bar in 1956, the Florida Bar in 1975, and was certified in Florida as one of only 300 tax specialists; in 1958 Joe and his family moved to Wilmette and were founding members of the Beth Hillel Congregation; he was active as a Democratic Precinct Captain from 1958 to 1970; and

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WHEREAS, Joe and his family liked to travel and took numerous vacations around the world, including Spain, Romania,

1 Morocco, and Portugal; he was an avid athlete and sports
2 spectator and loved playing tennis with his children and square
3 dancing with his wife; and

4 WHEREAS, The passing of Joseph Peck has been deeply felt by
5 many, especially his wife, Roslyn Peck; his children, Kerry
6 (Hillary), Kraig (Donna), Kevin (Roxanne), and Klaudeen
7 (Frank) Valdivia; his grandchildren, Haley, Brandon, Louis,
8 Russell, David, Josh, Keenen, and Kameron; and his sister,
9 Lillian Ronick; he was preceded in death by his son, Keenen;
10 therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL
12 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
13 Joseph Peck, and we extend our sincere condolences to his
14 family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it
15 further

16 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
17 presented to his family as an expression of our deepest
18 sympathy.