WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate are saddened to learn of the death of Christos K. Hountalas of Aurora, who passed away on October 16, 2008; and

WHEREAS, Chris Hountalas was born in Kandyla, Tripolis, Greece on April 15, 1924; he was the son of the late Konstandinos and Eleni Hountalas; and

WHEREAS, Chris Hountalas served in the first established Greek army following World War II, where he fought against Communist forces during the Greek Civil War; he was later appointed an evzone (King's honor guard), one of two selected out of 1500, where he guarded the tomb of the Unknown Soldier; and

WHEREAS, Chris Hountalas immigrated to the United States, where he married his sweetheart, Harriet Koulos, on April 27, 1952; and

WHEREAS, Chris Hountalas worked for Krohler Manufacturing from 1952 to 1966 and Sealmaster from 1966 until his retirement in 1991; and

WHEREAS, Chris Hountalas was one of the founders of the St.
Athanasios Greek Orthodox Church in Aurora in 1966; he served several years on the church's parish council and building committee when the church was built in its present location in 1979; and

WHEREAS, Chris Hountalas was a regular at the City Golf Courses, a game he took up at age 67, playing 4 times a week and walking all 18 holes; and

WHEREAS, Chris Hountalas is survived by his cherished spouse and partner of 56 years, Harriet; his loving children, the Reverend Dean (Olga), Spiro (Eleni), and Elaine (Brien) McHale; his adored grandchildren, Chris, Steven, Christos, and Sophia Hountalas and Brien, Siobhan, Sean, and Kevan McHale; his sister, Christine Boulias; and his several cousins, nephews, and nieces; and

WHEREAS, Chris Hountalas will be remembered by all who knew and loved him as a man who loved life and had a knack for bringing a smile to everyone around him; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn, along with his family and friends, the passing of Christos K. Hountalas; and be it further
RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to the family of Chris Hountalas as an expression of our sympathy.