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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 Edmund Morrissey of Godfrey, who passed away on September 12, 2011; and

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WHEREAS, He was born September 18, 1926, in Alton to Edmund Henry and Emma Miller Morrissey; he graduated from Marquette High School in 1944 and enlisted in the Merchant Marines during World War II, where he was decorated with the Victory Medal; and

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WHEREAS, Upon his return to Alton, he enrolled at St. Louis University before graduating from Washington University's School of Engineering; during that time, he met the love of his life, the former Therese (Trixie) Louise Woodbury and they married on November 27, 1948; they settled into a life together, founding and building a business, Morrissey Construction Company; and

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WHEREAS, Throughout his life he devoted countless hours to volunteer his time and talent on many civic boards for the betterment of the overall community he cherished and was always there for St. Ambrose Catholic Church, where he worshipped and served for more than 60 years; he had a passion for travel and learning about other cultures, most notably the ancient

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1 cultures of Central America, where he was recognized as an
2 authority in the field of pre-Columbian antiquities; and

3 WHEREAS, His hobbies included hunting, fishing, and
4 woodworking; his greatest passion was simply spending time with
5 his many family and friends; in addition to being a devoted
6 husband and father he rarely missed a youth sporting event or
7 activity, he took great pleasure in helping others and
8 spreading good will, and touching the lives of countless
9 individuals; and

10 WHEREAS, He was preceded in death by his parents; and a
11 sister-in-law, Mary Josephine "Jody" Morrissey; and

12 WHEREAS, Edmund Morrissey leaves behind to cherish his
13 memory, his beloved wife Trixie; his children, Ed, Jr. (Patty),
14 Mike (Linda), Barbara McGrew (Michael), Tom (Laurie), Jim, Joe,
15 John, Teri Holland (Dean), Dan (Kimara), Patrick, and Kathy
16 Brandt (Kurt); his grandchildren, Mary Morrissey, Jeanne
17 Kirimca, Michael C. Morrissey Jr., Vanessa Bassett, Ryan
18 Morrissey, Tom Edmoundson, Micah Spicer, Edmund Q. Morrissey,
19 McKenna Morrissey, John Paul Morrissey, Jackson Morrissey,
20 Jacob Morrissey, Erich Holland, Nathan Holland, Michelle
21 Holland, Samantha Purcell-Blyth, Daniel Morrissey Jr., Emma
22 Morrissey, Joseph R. Morrissey, Margaret Morrissey, Alexander
23 Morrissey, Matthew Morrissey, Lauren Brandt, Zachary Brandt,

1 Noah Brandt, Luke Brandt, and Sophia Brandt; his
2 great-grandchildren, Konnor Morrissey, Kollin Morrissey,
3 Karson Morrissey, Kooper Morrissey, Madison Bassett, Isabelle
4 Bassett and Shane Morrissey; his brother, Thomas Morrissey,
5 M.D.; his sister-in-law, Jean Woodbury Culligan Doris; and many
6 nieces, nephews and cousins; therefore, be it

7 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL
8 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn, along with
9 his family and friends, the passing of Edmund Morrissey; and be
10 it further

11 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
12 presented to the family of Edmund Morrissey as a symbol of our
13 sincere sympathy.