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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 Arthur S. Nicholas, who passed away on December 22, 2011; and

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WHEREAS, He was a veteran of the United States Navy; he grew up in Greece and actively fought the Communists in that country following World War II; and

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WHEREAS, After emigrating to the United States, he worked as a dishwasher, but within 25 years became President of a Fortune 500 Company and a member of the Young Presidents Organization; during that time, he earned a degree in Chemical Engineering from the University of Michigan, founded Leon Chemicals, Inc., an innovative and profitable automotive plastics supplier, authored 13 patents, and joined US Industries, a global conglomerate, where he was appointed President in 1973; and

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WHEREAS, Following his tenure at US Industries, he was brought in by a group of banks to serve as President of Evanston-based Apeco Corporation, where he lead the firm out of Chapter 11 bankruptcy status; he later entered the field of investment banking as Partner at the Chicago firm Nicholas, Feder and Jaffe, Inc.; and

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1 WHEREAS, In his retirement, he funded a scholarship at the
2 University of Michigan to help ensure that economically
3 disadvantaged students have the same opportunities that
4 allowed him to be successful; he was also a key figure in the
5 buildings of Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church in Grand
6 Rapids, Michigan and St. Nectarios Greek Orthodox Church in
7 Palatine; and

8 WHEREAS, Arthur Nicholas was the beloved husband of Bess,
9 nee Zazanis; the loving father of Dr. Niki (Dr. Charles
10 Nicholson) Nicholas, Arthur (Montean LaPorte) Nicholas Jr.,
11 and Thomas (Julia) Nicholas; the proud grandfather of Nathan,
12 Carly, Laura, and Trent; the dear brother of James (Georgia),
13 George (Katina), and Chrysis (Robert) Hultzen; and the fond
14 uncle of many; therefore, be it

15 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL
16 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn, along with
17 his family and friends, the passing of Arthur Nicholas; and be
18 it further

19 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
20 presented to the family of Arthur Nicholas as a symbol of our
21 sincere sympathy.