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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 William B. "Bill" Belshaw of Metamora, who passed away on April 12, 2012; and

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WHEREAS, William Belshaw was born on December 27, 1939, in Chicago; his parents were William L. and Elizabeth J. (Ehringer) Belshaw; he married Marjorie J. Obert on August 30, 1958, in Metamora; and

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WHEREAS, William Belshaw served his country with pride and distinction as a member of the United States Navy from 1956 to 1962; and

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WHEREAS, William Belshaw was employed as a manufacturing supervisor at the Caterpillar Inc. chemical processing plant in Mossville for 39 years until his retirement in 2001; he served as village president of Metamora for 2 years and as a village board trustee for 4 years; he also served as the Metamora Chief of Police for 21 years; and

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WHEREAS, William Belshaw was a past president of the Old Settlers Association and a board member of the Continental Hockey League, where he worked to bring professional hockey to Peoria's Logan Ice Dome in the 1970s; he was also a longtime

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1 sponsor of Ducks Unlimited; and

2 WHEREAS, William Belshaw enjoyed hunting on the Illinois  
3 River with his many friends and at Mallard Farms Incorporated,  
4 fishing, watching the Chicago Blackhawks, Peoria Rivermen,  
5 Peoria Blades, Dallas Cowboys, University of Illinois  
6 football, and NASCAR, rose gardening, and painting; he was also  
7 a competitive swimmer and had a black belt in judo; and

8 WHEREAS, William Belshaw is survived by his wife, Marjorie;  
9 his son, Bill (Donna) Belshaw; his son-in-law, Ken (the late  
10 Sheree) Halvachs; his grandchildren, Ashlee Halvachs and Ken  
11 Halvachs Jr.; his brothers, Barry (Carol) Belshaw and Brad  
12 (Roxanna) Belshaw; his sister, Roberta (Alan) Hahn; and his  
13 many nieces and nephews; therefore, be it

14 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL  
15 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn, along with  
16 his family and friends, the passing of William B. "Bill"  
17 Belshaw; and be it further

18 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
19 presented to the family of William Belshaw as an expression of  
20 our sympathy.