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SENATE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate are deeply
3 saddened to learn of the death of James D. "Jim" Pittman of
4 Aurora, who passed away on December 2, 2012; and

5 WHEREAS, James Pittman was born on June 5, 1930, in Aurora
6 to Herman and Ellen (nee Roots) Pittman; he attended Bardwell
7 Elementary School, Immanuel Grade School, and East Aurora High
8 School, where he earned letters in track and football and some
9 fame with his quickness and speed; he attended Indiana State
10 University and graduated from Aurora College with a bachelor of
11 science degree; he spent 2 years in the U.S. Army at Fort Sill,
12 Oklahoma; he married Doris Kettelson; and

13 WHEREAS, James Pittman returned to Aurora and began
14 teaching at Benjamin Franklin Junior High School; he moved to
15 West Aurora High School, where he taught biology for 34 years;
16 during his time teaching, he coached golf and basketball,
17 earning the nickname "Sarge", and earned his master's of
18 education degree at the University of Illinois; and

19 WHEREAS, James Pittman was part owner of the video store,
20 "Images on Video", and he sold real estate with McEnroe Real
21 Estate for many years, both of Aurora; upon retirement, he
22 worked as a starter and marshal at Orchard Valley Golf Course

1 for 20 years; he was a member of St. Olaf Lutheran Church, the
2 Golden Kiwanis, and the National Education Association and he
3 enjoyed volunteering at Dryer Medical Center; and

4 WHEREAS, James Pittman enjoyed spending time with his
5 family and traveling; his highlight was playing golf at the Old
6 Course at St. Andrews in Scotland; and

7 WHEREAS, James Pittman was preceded in death by his
8 parents, Herman and Ellen Roots; and

9 WHEREAS, James Pittman is survived by his wife of 60 years,
10 Doris; his children, Craig (Jan) Pittman, Kristi Hoffmann,
11 Scott (Kim) Pittman, and Kim (Tom) Thill; his grandchildren,
12 Kyle and Bryan Pittman, Jake, Gavin (Tiffany), CJ Hayes, and
13 Andrew Hoffman, Noelle Pittman, and Samuel and Jack Thill; his
14 great-granddaughter, Eva Lynn Hayes; his sister, Marijo
15 (William) Spick; and many nieces and nephews; therefore, be it

16 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL
17 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
18 James Pittman, and we extend our sincere condolences to his
19 family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it
20 further

21 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be

1 presented to the family of James Pittman as an expression of
2 our deepest sympathy.