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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 Robert W. Depke, who passed away on June 20, 2014; and

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WHEREAS, Robert Depke was born on July 11, 1929 in Waukegan; and

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WHEREAS, Robert Depke attended Gurnee Grade School and Warren Township High School, where he played all sports and was a member of the Warren Football 49ers; he was also selected as a member of the Warren Township Hall of Fame; and

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WHEREAS, Robert Depke served his country as a member of the National Guard during the Korean War; and

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WHEREAS, After working in the family business, Robert Depke sold cars for Lindskog Mercury in Libertyville; in 1961, he won his first election to serve as Warren Township Supervisor; in 1975, he, along with the Town Board, purchased a farm on Washington Street in Gurnee and developed the Warren Township Center and Highway Department, which is now named after him; he also served as Lake County Board Commissioner and was elected Chairman of the County Board in 1968; and

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1 WHEREAS, Robert Depke was instrumental in many
2 accomplishments for Lake County; he led the Saving Great Lakes
3 Group, which worked diligently with the State of Illinois and
4 Governor Jim Edgar to convince the National Closure Board to
5 keep the Great Lakes Naval Base open in Lake County; his name
6 appears on the Robert W. Depke Juvenile Justice Center in
7 Vernon Hills, which he had the foresight to have the county
8 purchase to house the Juvenile Center and Courts in recent
9 years; and

10 WHEREAS, Robert Depke was a member of the Gurnee Community
11 Church; he was also a 58-year founding member of the Gurnee
12 Lions Club, a charter member of the Gagewood Lions Club, and a
13 member of the Exchange Club of Gurnee; and

14 WHEREAS, Robert Depke was a lifetime Green Bay Packers and
15 Chicago White Sox fan; and

16 WHEREAS, Robert Depke was preceded in death by his parents,
17 Justus and Beatrice (nee Hook) Depke; his stepmother, Edith; a
18 sister, Eloise (Orvin) Herman; 2 brothers, William "Bill" and
19 Justus (Jess) Depke; a daughter, Cindy Jo Deming; and a nephew,
20 Wally Herman; and

21 WHEREAS, Robert Depke is survived by his loving wife of 45
22 years, George Anne; 6 children, Robert W. (Jennie) Depke, II,

1 Shawn B. (Lynne) Depke, Michael (Audrey) Hendee, Braden (Janet)
2 Depke, Kellie Hendee, and Bowen (Claire) Depke; 13
3 grandchildren, Robert (Laura) Depke III, Tyler, Justus, Kyla,
4 Jessica, Alexander, Genevieve, William Depke, Alisha (Michael)
5 Depke-Lankford, Shawn, Kevin, Scott and Amy Deming; a
6 great-grandchild, Mackenzie Lankford; and many nieces,
7 nephews, and friends; therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL
9 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we, along with his
10 family and friends, mourn the passing of Robert W. Depke; and
11 be it further

12 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
13 presented to the family of Robert Depke as an expression of our
14 sympathy.