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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate wish to express their sincere condolences to the family and friends of William B. Hamilton, who passed away on July 2, 2001; and

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WHEREAS, William B. Hamilton was born on October 4, 1929 in Oak Park, Illinois to Gurdon and Helen Hamilton; he was united in marriage to Ellen Wallace on December 26, 1950 in Oak Park; and

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WHEREAS, Mr. Hamilton devoted his life to making a positive impact in helping others; he was an active Batavia community leader, serving as a former Batavia City alderman; he was a founding member of the Braeburn Marsh Defenders; in addition, he was a gifted vocalist and member of the West Town Barbershop Chorus and member of the S.P.E.B.S.Q.S.A. barbershop organization; and

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WHEREAS, Mr. Hamilton was a member of the Congregational Church in Batavia, where he sang in the church choir for 37 years; throughout his church membership at Batavia Congregational Church, he had the distinction of having served on all the church boards and committees, and was a two-time church moderator; and

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WHEREAS, Mr. Hamilton was a member of the Twin Lakes Sailing Club, where he served as commodore; he was known for his fierce competitive boatmanship; he was instrumental in the preservation of his family home, Glen Carrie, located in Wisconsin, for his present family and future family generations; in addition, he was a noted amateur photographer and was blessed with many talents and interests; and

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WHEREAS, The passing of William B. Hamilton will be deeply felt by all who new and loved him, especially his wife, Ellen W. Hamilton; his daughter, Heather Hamilton; his

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1 son, Donald (wife, Christa) Hamilton; his grandchildren,
2 Madison and Dante Hamilton-Dryden, Carsten, Andreas and
3 Maxwell Hamilton; his brothers, Howard Hamilton and Robert
4 (wife, Carol) Hamilton; his sister, Christabel Fredrick; his
5 brother-in-law, Heinz Heinemann; and his many nieces, nephews
6 and extended family members; therefore, be it

7 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-SECOND GENERAL
8 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn, along with
9 all who knew him, the death of William B. Hamilton of
10 Batavia, Illinois; and be it further

11 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
12 presented to the family of William B. Hamilton with our
13 sincere condolences.