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SENATE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate are saddened
3 to learn of the death of Paul Whelan of Belleville, who
4 passed away June 27, 2002; and

5 WHEREAS, Mr. Whelan was was born July 26, 1929, in
6 Shreveport, Louisiana; he graduated from St. John's Jesuit
7 High School in Shreveport in 1947; he received a bachelor of
8 arts degree in history from Holy Cross College in Worcester,
9 Massachusetts; he earned a master of arts degree in history
10 from the University of Tennessee in Knoxville, Tennessee and
11 a Ph.D. in history from St. Louis University in St. Louis,
12 Missouri; and

13 WHEREAS, Mr. Whelan joined the U.S. Air Force in 1951 and
14 was a pilot in combat air service in Korea and Vietnam, where
15 he received the Bronze Star, the Distinguished Flying Cross,
16 and the Air Medal; he taught at the U.S. Air Force Academy as
17 professor of history, the Air Force Institute of Technology
18 as history department chairman, and at the Air War College;
19 and

20 WHEREAS, After his retirement from the U.S. Air Force as
21 a colonel in 1974, Mr. Whelan was dean of faculty at Spring
22 Hill College in Mobile, Alabama, for 3 years; he was
23 president of Lewis University in Romeoville, Illinois; he was
24 president of Parks College of St. Louis University in
25 Cahokia, Illinois; and he was dean of national transportation
26 and dean of college business at Dowling College in Long
27 Island, New York, for two terms; Mr. Whelan served as a
28 commissioner for the Bi-State Development Agency and was
29 affiliated with the Illinois Department of Transportation -
30 Aviation Associates Inc. and the University Aviation
31 Accreditation Council; he also sat on the board of visitors
32 of the Community College of the Air Force and the board of

1 directors of the Mid-American Behavioral Healthcare, Inc. ;
2 and

3 WHEREAS, Mr. Whelan was a member of Our Lady Queen of
4 Peace Parish in Belleville, the Serra Club International, the
5 Rotary International, the Apostolate for Family Consecration
6 in Bloomingdale, Ohio, and the Boy Scouts of America, Okaw
7 Valley Council in Belleville; he was an Eagle Scout and a
8 recipient of the Silver Beaver and Silver Antelope Award; and

9 WHEREAS, Mr. Whelan will be deeply missed by all those
10 who knew him and loved him, especially his wife, Patricia L.
11 Whelan, whom he married February 14, 1950, at St. John
12 Catholic Church in Shreveport, Louisiana; his 12 children,
13 Stephen (Patricia) Whelan, Timothy (Sylvia) Whelan, Michael
14 Whelan, Monica (Richard) O'Connor, Kevin (Cynthia) Whelan,
15 Thomas (Christine) Whelan, Patrick Whelan, Gregory (Sandra)
16 Whelan, Martin (Susan) Whelan, Matthew Whelan, Daniel (Laura)
17 Whelan, and Moira Whelan; his 37 grandchildren, Brian Paul,
18 Alison, Catherine, Ryan, Christopher, Paul Michael, Kathleen,
19 Donan, Brendan, Teresa, Luke, Connor, Elizabeth, John Paul,
20 Jonathan, Elizabeth, Emily, Margaret, David, Alexander,
21 Cullen, Sally, Jackson Paul, Jared Michael, Daniel, Jacob,
22 Caitlin, Sean, Ian Paul, Catherine, Nicholas, Mary Margaret,
23 and Jane Whelan, and Maureen, Roderick, Brian, and Nicole
24 O'Connor; and three sisters, Margaret Mary Whelan, Sarah
25 Whelan Blake, and Alice (Richard) Whelan Donohue; he was
26 preceded in death by his parents, Augustin Paul and Margaret
27 Whelan; therefore, be it

28 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-SECOND GENERAL
29 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn, along with
30 his family and friends, the death of Paul A. Whelan; and be
31 it further

32 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be

1 presented to the family of Paul A. Whelan with our sincere
2 condolences.