

1 WHEREAS, Senator Rooney worked as a page in the Illinois
2 House of Representatives in 1985 and again in the House
3 Minority Leadership Office in 1987; and

4 WHEREAS, Senator Rooney is the only senator in recent
5 memory to have debated a bill from atop a step stool; and

6 WHEREAS, Senator Rooney has been a proud member of the
7 unofficial "On-time Caucus"; and

8 WHEREAS, Senator Rooney served as the Minority
9 Spokesperson on the Senate Higher Education Committee; and

10 WHEREAS, Senator Rooney served on the Higher Education
11 Working Group, working with lawmakers to develop a series of
12 legislative initiatives to strengthen the colleges and
13 universities in Illinois, making them more attractive and
14 affordable for students across the state for many years to
15 come; and

16 WHEREAS, Senator Rooney has served with enthusiasm,
17 passion, and respect for the office; and

18 WHEREAS, Senator Rooney always acted in the interest of the
19 27th District and in service to his constituents; and

1 WHEREAS, Senator Rooney will return to Rolling Meadows,
2 where he will remain active in the community and in the
3 classroom and continue to relate principles of economics to the
4 fiscal future of Illinois; therefore, be it

5 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDREDTH GENERAL
6 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we thank Senator Tom
7 Rooney for his dedicated service to the people of Illinois and
8 honor him with this resolution; and be it further

9 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
10 presented to Senator Rooney as an expression of our esteem,
11 respect, and best wishes for his future endeavors.