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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Senate of the State of Illinois were saddened to learn of the death of Vennard Sylvester Dowd of Moweaqua on Saturday, March 22, 2003; and

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WHEREAS, Mr. Dowd was born on October 20, 1936 in Moweaqua to Bennard S. and Louise Morris Dowd; he married Helen Joan Logan on January 5, 1958 in Hernando, Mississippi; she preceded him in death on December 19, 1979; he married Norma Jordan Saddoris on July 3, 1981 in Assumption; and

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WHEREAS, Mr. Dowd had been serving his second term as mayor of the village of Moweaqua; he was first elected in 1997; he had also served on the village council; he will be remembered as a progressive leader and a loving family man; and

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WHEREAS, Mayor Dowd was an avid golfer and played four to five times a week; one of his main accomplishments as mayor was his work on the 80-acre, \$2 million project to expand the Moweaqua Golf Course from nine holes to 18 holes; he was instrumental in getting the municipal bonds issued for the project; he was also known for beautifying Moweaqua with projects such as the Wayside Park, built on an empty lot downtown; he was a sports fan, and was especially proud to be a Central A&M High School Raiders fan; and

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WHEREAS, Mayor Dowd was a charter member of Grace Baptist Church where he served as deacon, church treasurer, and Sunday school teacher; he retired in 1992 from Wagner Castings Co., where he was a shipping foreman for 37 years; he and his wife were owners of the Dowd House Bed and Breakfast; and

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WHEREAS, The passing of Mayor Dowd has been deeply felt by many, especially his wife, Norma; his children, Tim and

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1 wife Kathy, Brian and wife Amy, Keith and wife Delores, Beth
2 Snider and husband Jeff, Lisa Wiseman and husband Jerry, Kim
3 Hennings and husband Kevan, and Todd Sadoris and wife
4 Rayann; his mother, Louise Morris Dowd; and his
5 grandchildren, Erika Dowd, Colin Dowd, Patrick Dowd, Hollie
6 Fore, Chase Fore, Jennifer Dowd, Charles Dowd, Catrice Dowd,
7 James Dowd, Rachel Dowd, Nicholas and Trenton Wiseman, Darin,
8 Scott, Brice, and Kaley Hennings, and Jared, Drake, and
9 Justin Sadoris; therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-THIRD GENERAL
11 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing
12 of Mayor Vennard Sylvester Dowd and extend our sincere
13 condolences to his friends, family, community, and all who
14 knew and loved him; and be it further

15 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
16 presented to the family of Vennard Dowd as a token of our
17 deepest sympathy.