

## 1 SENATE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Senate of the State of  
3 Illinois were saddened to learn of the death of Leonard E.  
4 Van Camp of Edwardsville on May 27, 2003; and

5 WHEREAS, Mr. Van Camp was born in Wichita, Kansas; he  
6 taught at the junior high and high school level in Kansas  
7 City and at Luther College in Decorah, Iowa; and

8 WHEREAS, Mr. Van Camp spent much of his educational  
9 career at Southern Illinois University Edwardsville (SIUE);  
10 he joined the music faculty in 1963 and served as director of  
11 choral activities for the next 36 years; his choirs and  
12 orchestra at SIUE performed five oratorios he translated from  
13 German to English; and

14 WHEREAS, Mr. Van Camp was known internationally as a  
15 choral music expert; and

16 WHEREAS, Mr. Van Camp's teaching career spanned more than  
17 45 years, during which time he taught thousands of students;  
18 he wrote numerous articles that appeared in U.S. music  
19 publications and in the World Book Encyclopedia; and

20 WHEREAS, Mr. Van Camp edited the music of nearly 150  
21 composers or editions, including works of Bach, Brahms, and  
22 Schubert; and

23 WHEREAS, Mr. Van Camp's research interests included  
24 editing early American choral music, especially works by  
25 William Billings, America's first important composer; and

26 WHEREAS, In addition to teaching, lecturing, and  
27 conducting, he often appeared as a baritone soloist,  
28 including recitals and performances with the Kansas City and  
29 Indianapolis symphony orchestras; and

1           WHEREAS, His passing will be deeply felt by many,  
2 especially his wife, Marlene Van Camp; his brother, Duane Van  
3 Camp; his sister, Marjory Gloe; his two sons, Douglas L. Van  
4 Camp and Brian David Van Camp; his daughter, Cherie Marlene  
5 Van Camp; and two grandchildren; therefore, be it

6           RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-THIRD GENERAL  
7 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the death of  
8 Leonard E. Van Camp along with all who knew and loved him and  
9 extend our sincere condolences to his family and friends; and  
10 be it further

11           RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
12 presented to the family of Leonard E. Van Camp as an  
13 expression of our deepest sympathy.