



1 SENATE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Senate of the State Illinois
3 were saddened to learn of the death of James Ardis Jr. of
4 Peoria on December 18, 2003; and

5 WHEREAS, Mr. Ardis was born on January 17, 1934, in Peoria
6 to James E. Sr. and Helen Sample Ardis; he married Suzanne
7 Bulger on October 13, 1956, in Peoria; and

8 WHEREAS, He and his father formerly owned Ardis and Son
9 Cleaners; and

10 WHEREAS, He served as a sergeant in the Marine Corps from
11 1953 to 1956; and

12 WHEREAS, An electrician at CILCO, he retired in 1996; he
13 was a member of the International Brotherhood of Electric
14 Workers Local 34; in addition, he held the position of Peoria
15 City Councilman from 1969 to 1973 which inspired his namesake,
16 Jim Ardis III, to become involved in politics himself; and

17 WHEREAS, Mr. Ardis was a member of Sacred Heart Catholic
18 Church; and

19 WHEREAS, His passing will be deeply felt by many,
20 especially his wife, Suzanne; his mother; his four sons, Jim
21 III (and Mimi), Tony (and Darla), Steve (and Jaime), and John
22 (and Angie); his four daughters, Ann (and Jim) Centers, Cindy
23 (and Michael) Jenkins, Mary Kedzior, and Chris Ardis; and his
24 21 grandchildren; therefore, be it

25 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-THIRD GENERAL
26 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the death of
27 James Ardis Jr. along with all who knew and loved him and
28 extend our sincere condolences to his family and friends; and

1 be it further

2 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
3 presented to the family of James Ardis Jr. as an expression of
4 our deepest sympathy.