



1 SENATE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Senate of the State of Illinois
3 learned with regret of the death of Mayor Richard "Dick" Rock
4 of Plainfield on Sunday, June 27, 2004; and

5 WHEREAS, Richard Rock was born June 27, 1929 in Joliet to
6 Alexander and Anne Rock; and

7 WHEREAS, Mayor Rock valiantly served his country in the
8 U.S. Air Force during the Korean War from 1952 to 1956; he was
9 a member of the Joliet VFW, Cantigney Post #367 and the Loyal
10 Order of Moose, Plainfield Lodge #2491; and

11 WHEREAS, Mayor Rock operated Rock's Grocery and Meats from
12 1961 until 1989 and Rock's Deli from 1972 until 1998; the
13 grocery store was the last one in town where local residents
14 could keep a running tab based on the honor system; and

15 WHEREAS, Mayor Rock served as a Trustee of the Village of
16 Plainfield from 1992 until 1997, was elected Mayor of the
17 Village of Plainfield in 1997, and served faithfully until his
18 death; he is remembered as a good man for whom reputation meant
19 everything, as very accommodating and kind, and as a real
20 people person; and

21 WHEREAS, During his tenure, Mayor Rock was especially proud
22 of several accomplishments, especially the new Village Hall
23 building, the newly signed extended boundary agreement with
24 Joliet, and the town's recent switch to Lake Michigan water;
25 and

26 WHEREAS, In his free time, Mayor Rock liked to bowl and
27 fish; he was an avid baseball fan who rooted for the Chicago
28 White Sox; and

1 WHEREAS, The passing of Mayor Richard "Dick" Rock has been
2 deeply felt by many, especially his wife, Mardel (nee Corwin);
3 his sister, Rene Taylor; his niece, Cindy (William) Waznis; his
4 cousin, Ray Rock; his aunt, Doris Babich; his uncle, Charles
5 Babich; his dear friend, Cheryl Henbest; and his many nieces
6 and nephews; therefore, be it

7 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-THIRD GENERAL
8 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
9 Mayor Richard "Dick" Rock, a man who's life exemplified the
10 highest standards of care for his fellow person, which won him
11 the unequivocal admiration of the citizens of Plainfield in
12 addition to his family, friends, and many others who knew and
13 loved him; and be it further

14 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
15 presented to the family of Mayor Richard "Dick" Rock as an
16 expression of our deepest sympathy for their loss.