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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Senate of the State of Illinois learned with sadness of the death of Anthony W. "Tony" Dyhrkopp of Gold Hill Ranch, Shawneetown, on April 10, 2005; and

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WHEREAS, Mr. Dyhrkopp was born September 17, 1947, in Evansville, Indiana, the son of Einar and Frances (Sanders) Dyhrkopp of Shawneetown; and

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WHEREAS, He graduated from Shawneetown High School in 1965 and received his Juris Doctorate degree from North Carolina in 1974; he also studied at Chicago Kent College of Law, Parson College, and enrolled in a European study program with the International College of Copenhagen, Denmark, spending considerable time in Russia, Poland, Czechoslovakia, Romania, Hungary, East and West Germany, Sweden, Norway, Finland, and Spain; and

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WHEREAS, He served as Gallatin County State's Attorney for 16 years, Assistant Illinois Attorney General for six years, and Hearing Officer for Secretary of State Jessie White for six years; and

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WHEREAS, He was a member of First Baptist Church in Shawneetown; he was vice-president of Tecumseh International, an alumni of Lambda Chi Alpha fraternity, a member of the Equality Masonic Lodge 2, and a lifelong Democrat; and

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WHEREAS, He was preceded in death by his grandmother, Myrtle Schwander and his great-grandfather, Guy R. Lambert; his grandmother Vevith (Denton) Dyhrkopp; his grandfather, Victor Dyhrkopp; his great-grandmother, Sarah H. Denton; and his great-uncle, Col. Samuel A. Denton, and his wife, Ethel; and

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WHEREAS, A loving husband, father, son, and friend, the

1 passing of Anthony W. "Tony" Dyhrkopp is felt by all who knew  
2 and loved him, especially his wife of 28 years, Ellen (Lambert)  
3 Dyhrkopp; his sons, Douglas Einar Dyhrkopp and Aaron Joseph  
4 Dyhrkopp; his daughter, Kara Ruth Dyhrkopp; his parents, Einar  
5 and Frances Dyhrkopp; his father and mother-in-law, Douglas and  
6 Marchetta Lambert; his brothers and sisters-in-law, Paul and  
7 Cindy Hughes, Duane and Suzette Lambert, and Paul and Patti  
8 Lambert; his nieces, Andrea (Mike) Phalin and Brette Lambert;  
9 his nephew, Jordan Lambert; his great-nephews, Connor and  
10 Cooper Phalin; his uncle, Felix and Pam Dyhrkopp; his aunts,  
11 Victoria Vaughn, Louise (Sanders) Strong, and Hilda (Moye)  
12 Sanders; his special cousins, Billy Earl and Sharon Sanders and  
13 their son, Billy John, and Mark and Debbie Sanders and their  
14 children, Heather, Megan, and Jessica; therefore, be it

15       RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL  
16 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of  
17 Anthony W. "Tony" Dyhrkopp and extend our sincere and heartfelt  
18 condolences to his family, friends, and community; and be it  
19 further

20       RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
21 presented to his family as an expression of our deepest  
22 sympathy.