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SENATE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Senate of the State of Illinois
3 learned with great sadness of the death of Rabbi Albert Milton
4 Kanter on Saturday, July 23, 2005; and

5 WHEREAS, He was born on the West Side in 1929 and grew up
6 during the Great Depression as the son of a tailor; he was in
7 the first graduating class at Ida Crown Jewish Academy and
8 earned a bachelor's degree in psychology at Roosevelt
9 University; and

10 WHEREAS, Rabbi Kanter was ordained as a rabbi with a
11 bachelor's degree in Hebrew literature at Hebrew Theological
12 College in Skokie in 1955; he received a master's degree from
13 the University of Chicago in 1956 and a doctorate there in 1969
14 in the combined academic fields of religion and personality
15 theory; and

16 WHEREAS, In 1973, he became a practitioner of psychotherapy
17 and went into practice full-time in 1980 with offices on North
18 Michigan Avenue and in Skokie; he maintained a full patient
19 load well into his 70s; in sermons, books, and as a
20 psychotherapist, he used his skill as a gifted orator to
21 inspire, enlighten, and heal; he was the founding rabbi of
22 Skokie Valley Agudath Jacob Synagogue and a past president of
23 the Chicago Board of Rabbis; and

24 WHEREAS, Started in 1955, the Skokie Valley Agudath Jacob
25 Synagogue grew into a modern facility on East Prairie Road in
26 Skokie with more than 1,500 members; he wrote a prayer book
27 called "The Second Soul", another on psychotheology, and he
28 translated biblical commentaries; he also wrote newspaper
29 editorials, scholarly articles, and was at work on a novel
30 titled "A Tale of Two Souls"; and

1 WHEREAS, In 1995, Rabbi Kanter endowed the William and
2 Lillian Kanter School of Liberal Arts and Sciences, named for
3 his parents, at the Hebrew Theological College; and

4 WHEREAS, The passing of Rabbi Albert Milton Kanter has been
5 deeply felt by many, especially his wife of 51 years, Sara Lee;
6 his sons, William, Keith, and Matthew; his daughter, Miriam;
7 and his ten grandchildren; therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL
9 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
10 Rabbi Albert Milton Kanter, and we extend our deepest sympathy
11 to his family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be
12 it further

13 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
14 presented to his family as an expression of our sincerest
15 condolences.