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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 Barry Crown, recently of Jupiter, Florida, on January 12, 2006; and

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WHEREAS, On October 17, 1930, Barry Crown was born into the Herman Crown family in Evanston, where he spent his childhood before he left for horizons across the country and across the world; and

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WHEREAS, The 1950s was a decade of achievement for Barry Crown, he graduated from Yale University with degrees in engineering and law, served as a United States Army officer in the Korean War, and functioned as the Operational Director of the Materials Service Corporation, the company founded by his uncles; and

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WHEREAS, In 1970, Barry and Beverly married and began their 35 years of marriage that were filled with love and the activities that they so enjoyed together, operating Lifeguide a popular Palm Beach fitness facility, traveling the world, learning new sporting activities, and climbing Mt. Everest; and

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WHEREAS, Barry Crown was an entrepreneur who founded several companies including Burton Dixie and Henderson Camp Products, which always produced quality goods; and

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WHEREAS, Barry Crown, as a philanthropist, made certain that his efforts truly provided help and happiness to people in need or provided strong support for the worthy causes in which he believed; and

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WHEREAS, Barry Crown served on the board of the Peggy Adams Animal Rescue League whose mission is to shelter homeless animals, furnish them with medical services, find homes for

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1 neglected animals, and enhance the bond between people and  
2 animals; and

3 WHEREAS, Barry and Beverly Crown loved dogs, especially  
4 their three Papillion breed dogs, and they founded the "Walk  
5 for the Animals", a fundraiser for the Peggy Adams Animal  
6 Rescue League that hosts hundreds of people and their dogs to  
7 help needy dogs and cats and provide free spay and neuter  
8 surgeries; and

9 WHEREAS, Higher education was recognized by Barry Crown for  
10 its critical role in our future and he contributed his talents  
11 as a board member of three fine institutions, namely the Honors  
12 College of Florida Atlantic University, Roosevelt University,  
13 which conferred upon him the title of honorary trustee, and  
14 Columbia College, which designated him as a lifetime trustee;  
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16 WHEREAS, The passing of Barry Crown is felt by all who knew  
17 and loved him, especially his wife, Beverly; his children  
18 Laurie Crown, Donna Crown, Bruce Crown, Bradley Crown, Debra  
19 Day, Tawne Day, and Lance Day; his grandchildren and  
20 great-grandchildren; and his sisters, Florence Rothman and Dr.  
21 Irene Merwin; therefore, be it

22 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL  
23 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of  
24 Barry Crown and we extend our sincerest condolences to his  
25 family, friends, and community; and be it further

26 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
27 presented to his family as an expression of our deepest  
28 sympathy.