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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate wish to express their sincere condolences to the family and friends of Edward J. McMurray of Peoria, who passed away on February 3, 2006; and

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WHEREAS, Edward McMurray was born on January 21, 1936, in Peoria to Edward T. and Freda (Lahood) McMurray; he married Betty Ann Couri in Peoria on June 24, 1958; and

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WHEREAS, Mr. McMurray graduated from Manual High School and Bradley University; he worked at Caterpillar Inc. for 30 years, retiring in 1994 as a Senior Quality Engineer; while at Caterpillar, he was a member of the Caterpillar Political Action Committee; and he was also a Quality Management Consultant and a member of the Board of Directors for MC International; and

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WHEREAS, Mr. McMurray always found time to give back to his community; he was a member of the Itoo Society of Peoria; he was the past president of the Midwest Federation of Lebanese Clubs, the American Lebanese Club of Peoria, and St. Sharbel Maronite Catholic Church Council; and he was a founding member of St. Sharbel Maronite Church; and

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WHEREAS, Edward McMurray also authored a book on quality management entitled "Hands on Approach to Total Quality Management"; and

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WHEREAS, Mr. McMurray will always be remembered as a man of great integrity, honor, and faith; he was known for his loving and caring attitude toward everyone he came in contact with; he enjoyed spending time with his many other relatives and friends; and he was a devoted family man; and

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WHEREAS, Mr. McMurray was preceded in death by his parents

1 and his sister, Elizabeth Barrack; and

2 WHEREAS, The passing of Edward J. McMurray will be felt by
3 all who knew and loved him, especially his wife, Betty; his
4 daughters, Diana (and Douglas) Olson, Mary (and Paul) Windsor,
5 Elizabeth, and Kathleen; his sons, Edward (and Patricia),
6 Stephan (and Marie), Jon (and Diane), Peter (and Sara), Mark
7 (and Kim), Greg (and Dana), James (and Kasey), and David; his
8 17 grandchildren; and his many other relatives and friends;
9 therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL
11 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn, along with
12 all who knew and loved him, the death of Edward J. McMurray;
13 and be it further

14 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
15 presented to the family of Edward J. McMurray as an expression
16 of our deepest sympathy.