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## SENATE RESOLUTION

2           WHEREAS, The members of the Senate of the State of Illinois  
3 learned with regret of the death of Judge Charles Edward Ruth  
4 of Hinsdale on Sunday, April 9, 2006; and

5           WHEREAS, He was born and raised in Hinsdale and was the  
6 grandson of the late Linus C. Ruth, who also served as a judge  
7 in DuPage County, in the early 1900s; Charles Edward Ruth was  
8 taught to read and write at an early age by his grandmother,  
9 the late Ella Ruth, who was one of the first librarians at the  
10 Hinsdale Public Library; in his youth, he enjoyed reading books  
11 on history, archeology, Greek mythology, and geology; and

12           WHEREAS, He received a bachelor's degree from the  
13 University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign and then valiantly  
14 served his country as a member of the U.S. Army in Korea during  
15 the Korean War; after his discharge, he returned to Chicago and  
16 took history courses at the University of Chicago; he worked at  
17 various jobs before becoming an insurance adjuster with  
18 Allstate Insurance; and

19           WHEREAS, During that time, he also took night classes at  
20 John Marshall Law School, eventually receiving his law degree;  
21 he then worked for the DuPage County state's attorney's office,  
22 where during the 1970s he helped "break in" many younger  
23 attorneys, including former Illinois Attorney General Jim  
24 Ryan; and

25           WHEREAS, Judge Ruth was appointed an associate judge in the  
26 early 1980s, serving in the 18th Judicial Circuit in Wheaton,  
27 until his retirement in 1994; during his years on the bench, he  
28 was known to run a "tight ship" in the courtroom; he had the  
29 utmost respect for the law and expected those in his courtroom  
30 to be punctual and prepared; and

1           WHEREAS, He especially valued friendship above all else; he  
2           loved to laugh and just enjoy himself, and those close to him  
3           knew there wasn't anything he wouldn't do for a friend; and

4           WHEREAS, The passing of Judge Charles Edward Ruth has been  
5           deeply felt by many, especially his wife of 18 years, Delores;  
6           his son, Charles Jr.; his stepson, Stephen Marks; and his five  
7           grandsons; 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          Judge Charles Edward Ruth, and we extend our sincere  
11          condolences to his family, friends, and all who knew and loved  
12          him; and be it further

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