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1 SENATE RESOLUTION WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate wish to express 2 3 their sincere condolences to the family and friends of James E. 4 Baumhart of Palos Heights, who passed away on November 12, 2006; and 5 WHEREAS, James Baumhart was born on New Year's Day, January 6 7 1, 1940, in St. Benedict Parish on the North Side of Chicago, 8 Illinois; he was the youngest child of a butcher and a 9 homemaker; and 10 WHEREAS, James Baumhart was a 1957 graduate of DePaul Academy, attended Xavier University in Ohio, and received his 11 Bachelor's degree in business from Loyola University; and 12 13 WHEREAS, James Baumhart began his career with the Better Business Bureau in 1964, and worked his way up to executive 14 15 vice-president and then president; he was known for his 16 dedication to the Bureau, working to improve ethical business relationships in northern Illinois and across the country; and 17 WHEREAS, He met his wife, Barbara, while both of them 18 worked for Bureau; they were matched together to plan an annual 19 company dinner in 1972 and fell in love, marrying on 20 Independence Day in 1974; and 21 22 WHEREAS, James Baumhart was a past president of the Catholic Charities Adoptive Parents Guild, emeritus director 23 24 of St. Benedict High School, a former president of the Palos 25 Heights Garden Civic Association, and vice chairman of Marist 26 High School; and

WHEREAS, James Baumhart was an avid golfer and sports fan; 28 he was extremely generous; and he was actively involved in the 29 Neighborhood Boys & Girls Club; and

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- 1 WHEREAS, James Baumhart was the devoted husband of Barbara
- 2 (nee Jerome); the cherished father of Peter, Charles, and Jon
- 3 Baumhart; the loving brother of the Reverend Raymond C.
- Baumhart, SJ, Dorothy (late Harold) Unger, late Jerome (Judy) 4
- Baumhart, and Florence (Robert) Biewald; and the fond uncle of 5
- 6 numerous nieces and nephews; therefore, be it
- 7 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL
- 8 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn, along with
- his family and friends, the passing of James Baumhart; and be 9
- 10 it further
- 11 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
- 12 presented to the family of James Baumhart.