



1 SENATE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate wish to extend  
3 their sincere condolences to the family and friends of Jack T.  
4 Knuepfer, who passed away on September 13, 2006; and

5 WHEREAS, Jack Knuepfer was a graduate of Oak Park River  
6 Forest High School; he was an Eagle Scout by the age of 17; in  
7 1941 he worked with the British Army as an ambulance driver in  
8 North Africa until the United States entered the war; he then  
9 served with the United States Army until the end of the war;  
10 and

11 WHEREAS, Jack Knuepfer and his wife, Virginia "Dinny" were  
12 married in 1948; he received a Master's degree in business from  
13 the University of Chicago; he then worked at his father's  
14 business, General Engineering Works; and

15 WHEREAS, After his basement flooded and he became  
16 disappointed in the response of the city officials, he made a  
17 successful bid for a seat on the Elmhurst City Council, and  
18 became an alderman, serving from 1954 to 1958; and

19 WHEREAS, After leaving city politics, he returned to the  
20 family business, but he returned to politics in 1964 when he  
21 won a seat in the Illinois House of Representatives; two years  
22 later, he moved to the Illinois Senate and served as an  
23 Illinois Senator for eight years until 1974; and

24 WHEREAS, Four years later, he again returned to politics  
25 when he was elected as the DuPage County Board Chairman; he  
26 served in that position until 1990; and

27 WHEREAS, During his political career, Jack Knuepfer led  
28 efforts to create an intergovernmental storm-water management  
29 committee in DuPage County; under his leadership the

1 Elmhurst-Chicago Stone Quarry was purchased in 1992 to help  
2 prevent flooding in DuPage homes; and

3 WHEREAS, His hard work in the community included lobbying  
4 for legislation creating the DuPage County Water Commission,  
5 overseeing the extension of the North/South Tollway, the  
6 widening of Naperville Road in Wheaton, establishing the DuPage  
7 Airport Authority as an economic engine for commercial  
8 development, and the extension of Diehl Road in Naperville; he  
9 was honored in 2000 when the county administration building was  
10 renamed in his honor; and

11 WHEREAS, Jack T. Knuepfer is survived by his wife, Virginia  
12 "Dinny"; his children, Claude (Karen), Mark (Margo), Barbara  
13 (John), and Sue (Andrew); his daughter-in-law, Nancy; his  
14 grandchildren, Kathy, Paul, Amy, Kaylen, Aleksandra, Jack,  
15 Jacob, Adam, Kevin, Daniel, Samantha, Kasey, Christian, and  
16 Charlie; his great-granchildren, Connor, Kailey, Kyle, and  
17 Joshua; his sister-in-law, Joyce; his sister, Marilyn (Burt);  
18 and many nieces and nephews; therefore, be it

19 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL  
20 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn, along with  
21 his family and friends, the passing of Jack T. Knuepfer; and be  
22 it further

23 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
24 presented to the family of Jack T. Knuepfer.