



SR0268

LRB095 12569 KXB 37809 r

1

SENATE RESOLUTION

2

WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate are saddened to learn of the death of Albert Cassens of Corvallis, Montana, formerly of Edwardsville, who passed away on June 12, 2007; and

3

4

5

WHEREAS, Albert Dietrich Cassens was the grandson of German immigrants and grew up on a family farm in Hamel, hauling vegetables during the Great Depression; he is remembered as a Christian man who gave back to the community; and

6

7

8

9

WHEREAS, The Cassens family had interests in farm machinery, automobile sales, and produce transport, but it was moving vehicles that built the family business; early in the business, Mr. Cassens took a bus from Hamel to Detroit with his brother, Arnold, so they could drive Hudson-Essex cars back to the showroom; the business settled in Edwardsville, focusing on car sales, car insurance, and automobile hauling; and

10

11

12

13

14

15

16

WHEREAS, Today Cassens Transport Company is one of the most successful family-owned transport businesses in the nation, having hauled for Chrysler, Ford, and General Motors, as well as Toyota and Honda; and

17

18

19

20

WHEREAS, Mr. Cassens attended night school for eight years at Washington University for accounting certification to help

21

1 in the family business; and

2 WHEREAS, For more than a decade, the Edwardsville Chamber
3 of Commerce has given an award named after Mr. Cassens for
4 outstanding community service; he served on the board of
5 directors and as chairman of the Bank of Edwardsville for more
6 than sixty years; Mr. Cassens donated time, money, and land for
7 everything from churches to parks to the local YMCA; Mr.
8 Cassens helped fund expansions and renovations of the
9 Edwardsville YMCA and donated land to the Edwardsville School
10 District; and

11 WHEREAS, Mr. Cassens was raised in the United Church of
12 Christ and was a member of First Baptist Church in Edwardsville
13 for many years; he was also a member of the Rotary Club for
14 more than 60 years, where he is remembered for not missing a
15 meeting for over 45 years; and

16 WHEREAS, Albert Cassens was preceded in death by his
17 brother, Arnold Cassens; his first wife, Helen Cassens; and his
18 daughter, JoAnn Shashek; and

19 WHEREAS, Albert Cassens is survived by his wife, Doris
20 Cassens; his daughter, Kay; his eight grandchildren and
21 fourteen great-grandchildren; and his dear friend, Robert
22 Plummer; therefore, be it

1 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-FIFTH GENERAL
2 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn, along with
3 his family and friends, the passing of Albert Cassens; and be
4 it further

5 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
6 presented to the family of Albert Cassens as a symbol of our
7 sympathy.