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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate are saddened to learn of the death of Bob Markowitz of Normal, who passed away on September 6, 2007; and

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WHEREAS, Bob Markowitz was born on February 14, 1926 in Chicago; his parents were Dr. Benjamin and Lena Molay Markowitz; he married Iris Cohos in 1956; he married Judy Stern Harrison in 1975; and

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WHEREAS, Bob Markowitz moved with his family to Bloomington in 1930, when his father became Bloomington's first pathologist, in association with the Sloan Clinic; Bob attended Washington School and graduated from Bloomington High School in January 1944; after high school, he enlisted as a private first class in the United States Army, where he fought in the Rhineland and Ardennes campaigns during the Second World War as a combat infantryman; he was wounded in action on February 17, 1945, just three days after his 19th birthday; he was awarded the Purple Heart and Bronze Star medals and was honorably discharged in September 1945; and

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WHEREAS, After his honorable discharge from the Army, Bob Markowitz went to the University of Wisconsin, where he served as president of his fraternity, Zeta Beta Tau; at the

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1 University of Wisconsin, he earned his bachelor's degree and
2 law degrees; after being admitted to the Bar in Wisconsin, he
3 passed the Illinois Bar exam, and started his law practice in
4 Bloomington in 1952; in 1956, he formed a partnership with
5 attorneys Keith Campbell and Bill Lawrence, forming the law
6 partnership of Campbell, Markowitz, Lawrence and Lenz, which
7 soon included attorneys Hal Jennings, John Naylor, and William
8 Mueller; he served as the city attorney for the City of
9 Bloomington and then served as Corporation Counsel for the Town
10 of Normal from 1970 to 1973; and

11 WHEREAS, Bob Markowitz was a private pilot and avid
12 fisherman; his community service included membership on the OSF
13 St. Joseph Community Board, and he served for six years on the
14 board of directors of the YMCA; he was an active member of the
15 Novat Unit of the Shriners and the Moses Montefiore Temple; and

16 WHEREAS, Bob Markowitz is survived by his wife, Judy; his
17 children, Brad (Sheryl) Markowitz and Robin (Daniel)
18 Markowitz; his sister, Nan Markowitz Lebow; his nieces and
19 nephews, Mark (Donna) Lebow, Alan (Susan) Lebow, and Cheryl
20 (David Golde) Lebow; and his stepsons, Ian and Scott Harrison;
21 therefore, be it

22 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-FIFTH GENERAL
23 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn, along with

1 his family and friends, the passing of Bob Markowitz; and be it
2 further

3 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
4 presented to the family of Bob Markowitz as an expression of
5 our sympathy.