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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 Charles Albert Comiskey II of Hinsdale, who passed away on August 26, 2007; and

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WHEREAS, Charles Albert Comiskey II was raised in Hyde Park on Chicago's South Side; he graduated from De La Salle High School, where he played football and baseball; he then attended the University of St. Thomas in Minnesota, where he also played football; after college, he enlisted in the United States Navy; and

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WHEREAS, Charles Albert Comiskey II joined the Chicago White Sox organization after the death of his father in 1939; he was appointed vice president in 1948, becoming a key figure in the ascension of the Chicago White Sox, which rose to greatness during the 1950s; and

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WHEREAS, In 1955, Charles Albert Comiskey II became co-general manager of the Chicago White Sox; after the death of his mother in 1956, a struggle for control of the team ensued, with him losing majority ownership in 1958; he relinquished his stake in the White Sox in 1962; and

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WHEREAS, Charles Albert Comiskey II was married for 57

1 years to Donna Jo Curran Comiskey; the couple raised their
2 family in Hinsdale, where he became active in local real estate
3 after selling his interest in the White Sox; he developed an
4 office building and a subdivision in Hinsdale, along with
5 numerous other projects in Oak Brook and Tucson, Arizona;
6 during the early 1970s, he owned and operated Carriage
7 Transfer, a Hinsdale taxi and limousine company; and

8 WHEREAS, Even after relinquishing control of the
9 organization, Charles Albert Comiskey II remained a lifelong
10 Chicago White Sox fan and season-ticket holder and was ecstatic
11 about the White Sox winning the World Series in 2005; and

12 WHEREAS, Charles Albert Comiskey II is survived by his
13 wife, Donna Jo; his children, Charles A. Comiskey III, Francis
14 "Beau" Comiskey, Colleen Comiskey Kelley, and Patti Comiskey
15 Slaga; and his grandchildren, Carolyn, Meghan, Sarah Hope,
16 Alison and Patrick Kelley, and Charlie IV and Mead Comiskey;
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18 WHEREAS, Charles Albert Comiskey II will be remembered by
19 all who knew and loved him as a warm and gregarious man who
20 loved to tell stories to all he knew; therefore, be it

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

1 his family and friends, the passing of Charles Albert Comiskey
2 II; and be it further

3 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
4 presented to the family of Charles Albert Comiskey II as an
5 expression of our sympathy.