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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 James A. Evans of Naperville, who passed away on October 30, 2007; and

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WHEREAS, James A. Evans was born on November 16, 1935 in Chicago; his parents were Andrew Thomas and Alice, nee Lynch, Evans; he married Mirta Diaz on April 27, 1979; and

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WHEREAS, James A. Evans grew up on Chicago's South Side, where he attended St. Brendan Grade School; he graduated from St. Rita High School with the class of 1953; he later attended Chicago City College; and

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WHEREAS, James A. Evans served in the United States Air Force from 1954 to 1962, where he achieved the rank of staff sergeant; and

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WHEREAS, James A. Evans was employed for many years in the food industry, working for companies including Flavor-Kist, Swift, and Calavo until his retirement in 2002; and

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WHEREAS, James A. Evans was a longtime member of St. Raphael Catholic Church in Naperville, where he was a Minister of the Altar and a youth football coach; he was a founding

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1 member of the Knights of Columbus at St. Elizabeth Seton Church
2 in Naperville; he was a fourth degree member of the St. Raphael
3 Church Council; he was also actively involved with Boy Scouts
4 of America Troop #510; and

5 WHEREAS, James A. Evans was an avid racquetball player for
6 over 20 years at the Naperville Heritage YMCA; and

7 WHEREAS, James A. Evans was preceded in death by his
8 parents, Andrew and Alice, and his brother, Joseph; and

9 WHEREAS, James A. Evans is survived by his wife, Mirta; his
10 children, James (Beate), Lynn, Christine, Karen, Sonya
11 (Jason), Michael, and Andrew; his grandchildren, Breanna,
12 Madison, Kendall, Paytonn, Brooklyn, Desmond, Ethan, Merrick,
13 and Samantha; his siblings, Andrew, Irene, and John; and his
14 many nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, friends,
15 and neighbors; therefore, be it

16 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-FIFTH GENERAL
17 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn, along with
18 his family and friends, the passing of James A. Evans; and be
19 it further

20 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
21 presented to the family of James A. Evans as an expression of

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1 our sympathy.