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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 Thomas B. Brinkoetter of Decatur, who passed away on July 1, 2008; and

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WHEREAS, Thomas B. Brinkoetter was born November 6, 1927, in Decatur, the son of Bernard J. and Florence Marie (Appenzeller) Brinkoetter; he married Jacqueline M. Cook June 6, 1949, in Decatur; and

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WHEREAS, He was employed by A.E. Staley Manufacturing Company from 1949 to 1958; he started selling real estate in August of 1954; he formed Tom Brinkoetter & Company in April of 1965, which he owned and operated until his retirement in January of 1993, when his daughter Carla took over the business; and

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WHEREAS, In 1977, Tom started the Tom Brinkoetter & Company Property Management; he was a member of the Decatur Association of Realtors, the Illinois Association of Realtors, and the National Association of Realtors; in 1981, he was Secretary of the Illinois Association of Realtors; Tom was named Decatur Realtor of the Year in 1983, and was the Dean of Illinois Realtors Institute for three years; he served on several committees with the National, Illinois, and Decatur

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1 Association of Realtors; he was the Past President of the
2 Decatur Association of Realtors in 1967 and the Past Chairman
3 of the Decatur Multiple Listing Service in 1966; he was a
4 graduate of the Illinois Realtors Institute "G.R.I", a
5 certified Residential Salesman "C.R.S.", and a certified
6 Residential Broker "C.R.B."; and

7 WHEREAS, He was a member of St. James Catholic Church his
8 entire life; he was also a member of the Metro Chamber of
9 Commerce, Golden "K" Kiwanis, American Legion Post #105, and K
10 of C #577; and

11 WHEREAS, He was preceded in death by his parents, one
12 brother, and one grandchild; and

13 WHEREAS, Thomas Brinkoetter is survived by his wife,
14 Jackie; his children, Carla J. Brinkoetter and husband, Terry
15 Smith; Connie J. Ewing and husband, Kevin; and Thomas A.
16 Brinkoetter and wife, Patricia; his grandchildren, Adam J.
17 Trent, James R. Trent, Alyssa A. Brinkoetter, and Joseph A.
18 Brinkoetter; his great-grandchild, Emmitt Trent; his sisters,
19 Evelyn F. Lonergan and Dorothy M. Raver and husband, Dwight;
20 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 Thomas B. Brinkoetter;
2 and be it further

3 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
4 presented to the family of Thomas B. Brinkoetter as a symbol of
5 our sincere sympathy.