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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 Kennan Hotchkiss of Hinsdale, who passed away on August 21, 2008; and

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WHEREAS, James Kennan Hotchkiss was born on April 1, 1928 in Berwyn and raised in Highland Park; he was the son of the late Eugene and Jeanette Hotchkiss; and

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WHEREAS, James Kennan Hotchkiss graduated from Vermont Academy, then graduated with his two brothers from Dartmouth College in 1950; he also earned his M.B.A. from the University of Chicago and held the C.F.A. and C.I.C. designations; and

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WHEREAS, James Kennan Hotchkiss served as an officer in the United States Navy from 1950 to 1953; he initially served aboard a ship with the 6th Fleet in the Mediterranean Sea before being stationed in Washington, D.C. with the Office of Naval Intelligence at the Pentagon; and

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WHEREAS, After his military discharge, James Kennan Hotchkiss returned to Chicago, where he worked as a financial analyst for United Airlines at Midway Airport; in the early 1960s, he joined the investment firm of Stein, Roe & Farnham in Chicago, where he became a partner and member of the executive

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1 committee; in 1970, he founded Hotchkiss Associates, a firm
2 that provides investment counsel to individual and
3 institutional clients; he was still working for his clients at
4 Hotchkiss Associates at the time of his passing; and

5 WHEREAS, James Kennan Hotchkiss was an active member in
6 numerous civic and charitable organizations; he was a member of
7 the Board of Trustees of the YMCA of Metropolitan Chicago and a
8 Life Trustee of the Nature Conservancy's Illinois Chapter,
9 where he had also served as Chairman; in 1996, the national
10 Nature Conservancy awarded him the conservancy's highest honor
11 for leadership and service, the Oak Leaf Award; he served as a
12 Trustee of Alice Lloyd College in Pippa Passes, Kentucky; he
13 had also been a member of the Chicago Committee of the Council
14 on Foreign Relations, the Economic Club of Chicago, the
15 Wayfarers, and the University and Mid-Day Clubs; and

16 WHEREAS, James Kennan Hotchkiss moved with his family to
17 Hinsdale in 1959; since 1959, he was an active member in civic
18 life, serving as Chairman of the Trustees of the Public Library
19 and Vice-Chairman of the Plan Commission; he led referendum
20 campaigns for new facilities for Hinsdale Central High School,
21 the Library, and for the initial funding for the College of
22 DuPage; he also served as a Trustee of the Hinsdale Opera
23 Theater; and

1 WHEREAS, James Kennan Hotchkiss was an avid outdoorsman and
2 very competitive athlete, skiing with his children and
3 grandchildren well into his 70s; he loved to canoe around the
4 lakes and walk the back roads around his cabin in the north
5 woods of Wisconsin and explore the fields and prairie
6 grasslands of the family's farm in Franklin Grove; and

7 WHEREAS, James Kennan Hotchkiss was preceded in death by
8 his parents; and

9 WHEREAS, James Kennan Hotchkiss is survived by his wife of
10 57 years, the former Nancy McCoy; his children, Carolyn (Kathy
11 Cole), Laura (Mark) Capaldini, John (Ingrid), and Anne (Steve)
12 Janzer; his six grandchildren, Lia, Nick, Graham, James, Emily,
13 and Mark; and his brothers, Frank (Kay Lindahl) and Eugene
14 (Suzanne); therefore, be it

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

19 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
20 presented to the family of James Kennan Hotchkiss as an
21 expression of our sympathy.