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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 Einar Victor Dyhrkopp of Shawneetown, who passed away on December 6, 2008; and

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WHEREAS, Einar Dyhrkopp was born on March 16, 1926 in Old Shawneetown; his parents were Victor and Vevith (Denton) Dyhrkopp; and

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WHEREAS, Einar Dyhrkopp graduated from Shawneetown High School in the spring of 1945; he was drafted into the United States Navy at the end of his junior year of high school and was called to serve on the U.S.S. Aaron Ward; he served two years in the Navy, where he was awarded a Presidential Unit Citation for his service during the Battle of Okinawa on the Aaron Ward as a picket ship on a radar picket station; the Aaron Ward took six direct hits from suicide planes, more than any other ship of its size; and

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WHEREAS, Following his discharge, Einar Dyhrkopp married Frances Hope Sanders on December 14, 1946; in 1961, he started the Gold Hill Ranch, a grain and livestock farm based in Shawneetown; while working in Shawneetown, he was elected mayor and initiated a land development company, Dyhrkopp Development, which specializes in housing and commercial

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1 building; he also served as a partner and chief operating  
2 officer of Shawnee Cabinets, Inc. for 22 years; and

3 WHEREAS, Einar Dyhrkopp served as director of Illinois One  
4 Bank and its predecessor in Shawneetown for 33 years; he also  
5 served as vice president of Illinois One Bancorp, the holding  
6 company for Illinois One Bank, which was located in  
7 Shawneetown, Elizabethtown, and Golconda; and

8 WHEREAS, Einar Dyhrkopp served as president of Tecumseh  
9 International Corporation, a firm involved in coal energy  
10 trading; he also served as the president of his own corporate  
11 consulting firm, EVD Corporation; and

12 WHEREAS, Einar Dyhrkopp was a lifelong Democrat who served  
13 on many Illinois State commissions; he was active in numerous  
14 elections for Illinois State legislators, U.S.  
15 Representatives, U.S. Senators, Illinois Governors, and U.S.  
16 Presidents; in 1992, he was appointed elector to the Electoral  
17 College in and for the State of Illinois; in November of 1993,  
18 he was appointed by President Bill Clinton to serve as governor  
19 of the U.S. Postal Board, a post he held until December 8,  
20 2002; during his tenure on the Postal Board, he was elected  
21 chairman and vice chairman by his peers; and

22 WHEREAS, Einar Dyhrkopp was a member of the Equality

1 Masonic Lodge 2, Scottish Rite Bodies, Shawneetown American  
2 Legion, the Shrine, and the Veterans of Foreign Wars; and

3 WHEREAS, Einar Dyhrkopp was an avid world traveler for  
4 business and pleasure; he visited Japan, Mexico, Panama,  
5 England, and France during his time in the Navy; he also  
6 visited Switzerland, Denmark, Norway, Germany, Canada, The  
7 Dominican Republic, Jamaica, and Trinidad during vacations and  
8 business for the U.S. Postal Service; he also visited Point  
9 Barrow, Alaska, the northernmost point in North America; and

10 WHEREAS, Einar Dyhrkopp is survived by his wife of 62  
11 years, Frances Hope (Sanders) Dyhrkopp; his brother, Felix  
12 Dyhrkopp; his daughter-in-law, Ellen (Lambert) Dyhrkopp; and  
13 his grandchildren, Douglas Einar Dyhrkopp, Derek and Kara  
14 (Dyhrkopp) Brass, and Aaron Joseph Dyhrkopp; he was preceded in  
15 death by his son, Anthony Wayne Dyhrkopp; 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 Einar Victor Dyhrkopp;  
19 and be it further

20 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
21 presented to the family of Einar Dyhrkopp as an expression of  
22 our sympathy.