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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 Pekin Mayor R. David Tebben, who passed away on December 12, 2008; and

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WHEREAS, He was born January 24, 1946, in Pekin to Robert T. and Edna L. (Hecker) Tebben; he was a 1964 graduate of Pekin Community High School, and he graduated in 1968 from the University of Illinois with a bachelor of science degree in finance; He was a member and past president of Lambda Chi Alpha Fraternity; and

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WHEREAS, He first worked as a District Sales Manager representative for Pekin Insurance; he later purchased the Kelly Insurance Agency, now known as Tebben Insurance Services Inc.; he owned and operated the independent agency for the past 38 years; he also was a member of the national faculty for the Agency Management for the Society of Certified Insurance Counselors (CIC); and

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WHEREAS, He was a past faculty member at both Eureka College and Illinois Central College; he was first elected to the Pekin City Council in 1987 and was re-elected in 1991; he served both terms as Commissioner of Public Health and Safety; in 1995 he won his first term as Mayor, and in 1999 he won a

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1 second term, and was reelected Mayor in 2007; and

2 WHEREAS, During his time as Mayor he represented Pekin at  
3 the local, regional and State level through many organizations  
4 such as president of the Heart of Illinois Mayors' Association  
5 and as vice president of the Illinois Municipal League; he had  
6 a great love for Pekin and participated, supported, and led  
7 many community events and organizations, including the United  
8 Way of Pekin and the former Pekin Jaycees; and

9 WHEREAS, He was a past president and current ex-officio  
10 member of the Pekin Area Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors  
11 and served as a presenter and moderator for its annual  
12 Leadership Academy; he was the first clue writer and medallion  
13 hider for the annual Pekin Marigold Festival; he served as the  
14 emcee for the annual Miss Marigold Pageant; he was a member of  
15 the Kiwanis Club of Pekin, Pekin Moose Family Center 916, Pekin  
16 Elks Lodge 1271, and Empire Lodge 126, Ancient Free and  
17 Accepted Masons in Pekin; and

18 WHEREAS, He was a former Boy Scout and Assistant Scout  
19 Master; he was a founding member of the Pekin R/C Club, his  
20 favorite pastime was building and flying remote controlled  
21 airplanes; and he was a lifelong member of St. Paul United  
22 Church of Christ and past president of the church council; and

1           WHEREAS, He was preceded in death by his parents, Robert  
2 and Edna Tebben; and

3           WHEREAS, R. David Tebben is survived by his three  
4 daughters, Shannon N. (Edgar) Sandoval, Tiffany D. Tebben, and  
5 Stefanie D. Tebben; his three grandchildren, Ethan Robert  
6 Sandoval, Elisabeth Noelle Sandoval, and Aidan David Sandoval;  
7 and two sisters, Sharon G. (Dr. John) Sombeck, and Ardis B.  
8 (Jerry) Roman; therefore, be it

9           RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-FIFTH GENERAL  
10 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn, along with  
11 his family, friends, and constituents, the passing of Mayor R.  
12 David Tebben; and be it further

13           RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
14 presented to the family of Mayor R. David Tebben as a symbol of  
15 our sincere sympathy.