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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 Fred Fishman, who passed away on February 27, 2009; and

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WHEREAS, Fred Fishman grew up in Chicago and Skokie, where he was a grade school yo-yo champion and played league baseball in grade school through college; and

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WHEREAS, Fred Fishman attended medical school at the University of New South Wales in Australia and came home to Chicago to train in emergency medicine at Illinois Masonic Hospital, where he met the love of his life, Maryanne; they married in 1977 and moved to River Forest in 1979, where they started their family; and

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WHEREAS, Fred Fishman was a best friend to his daughters, Lauren and Bryce, and would comment that the three of them all grew up together; he loved and was proud of his son-in-law, Brian; and

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WHEREAS, Fred Fishman was known as the "Rock Doc", because he was often called on to treat rock stars performing in Chicago; for the past 15 years, he had a special connection with his dog, Pads, and believed that she had evolved further

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1 than the average dog; he had the ability find the fun in
2 anything, which made people gravitate to him; he was widely
3 known for singing "Mustang Sally", his signature song, at any
4 social event, and his friends would wait for the opportunity to
5 sing or dance back up; and

6 WHEREAS, Fred Fishman was a lifelong Cubs fan; he had the
7 honor of throwing out the first pitch at Wrigley Field in 2006;
8 he also loved to play golf, for the sport and the company, and
9 played regardless of the weather; and

10 WHEREAS, Fred Fishman was the adored husband of Maryanne
11 Fishman; the doting father of Lauren Sofia (Brian) Behan and
12 Bryce Anne Fishman; the cherished brother to Patti (Steven)
13 Helfand and Esther Fishman; the dear son of the late Louise and
14 Nathan Fishman; and the fond uncle and friend to everyone he
15 met; therefore, be it

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

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