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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 William A. Rolando of Springfield, formerly of Jerseyville, who passed away on October 20, 2010; and

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WHEREAS, He was born January 15, 1947, in Litchfield, one of four children born to the late Lawrence J. and Olive (Bauer) Rolando; he married the former Sandra Shaw on August 14, 1965, at the Holy Ghost Catholic Church in Jerseyville and together they shared 45 years of marriage; he graduated with the Class of 1965 from Jersey Community High School, and held several jobs before beginning work with McIntyre Construction in Jerseyville as a lead worker and site superintendant; and

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WHEREAS, After sustaining a paralyzing injury at work, he returned to school to further his education, earning his B.S. in business and marketing management in 1979, where he was a Illinois State Scholarship and Illinois Association of Realtors Scholarship Recipient, and his masters in business administration in 1987 both from Southern Illinois University of Edwardsville; and

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WHEREAS, In 1977, he and his wife began a 20 years association in the real estate world, with Rolando Real Estate

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1 in Jerseyville; in 1981, he was called upon by newly elected
2 Secretary of State Jim Edgar to serve as a Special Projects
3 Director; he later became the Director of Personnel and Chief
4 Labor Negotiator for the Illinois Secretary of State, and
5 retired in 2003 as Director of the Illinois Department of
6 Labor; and

7 WHEREAS, He was a very community and civic minded
8 individual who easily gave of his time and efforts; while a
9 resident of Jerseyville, he served on the Zoning Commission and
10 Recreation Board; he was a staunch Republican, and served on
11 numerous boards and committees, including serving as Jersey
12 County precinct committeeman and as the Chairman of the Jersey
13 County Republican Central Committee for 23 years until 2003; he
14 also served as the former president of the Illinois Republican
15 County Chairmans Association; and

16 WHEREAS, Outside of the political scene, he also served on
17 numerous professional organizations and service and fraternal
18 organizations; he was active with the Illinois Public Employers
19 Labor Relations Association and the National Public Employers
20 Labor Relations Association, serving as president of both
21 organizations; he also was active in the Jaycees, serving as
22 former president of the Jerseyville chapter, and former vice
23 president of the State organization; he was an advisor for the
24 Boy Scouts of America; he was a member of the Knights of

1 Columbus, Holy Family Council of Chatham 4179, Roman Cultural
2 Society, Fraternal Order of the Elks, and former president of
3 the Jersey County Slo Pitch Softball Association; and

4 WHEREAS, He was preceded in death by his daughter, Jennifer
5 Sue Rolando; and his father in law, Robert Shaw; and

6 WHEREAS, William Rolando is survived by his wife, Sandra
7 Shaw; his daughters and sons-in-law, Christine Norman, Becky
8 and Ed Hunter, and Kathy and Nathan Shalley; his grandchildren,
9 Tyler, C.J., and Sydney Norman, Molly, Jack, Max, and Lucy
10 Hunter, and Tucker and Grace Shalley; his sister, Carole
11 Rolando, and her husband, Mike Myers; his brothers and
12 sisters-in-law, Mick and Susan Rolando and David and Sue
13 Rolando; and his mother-in-law, Doris Shaw; therefore, be it

14 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-SIXTH GENERAL
15 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn, along with
16 his family and friends, the passing of William Rolando; and be
17 it further

18 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
19 presented to the family of William Rolando as a symbol of our
20 sincere sympathy.