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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 the Honorable Judge Charles William Chapman of Edwardsville, who passed away on May 15, 2011; and

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WHEREAS, He was born February 18, 1942, in Granite City, the son of Earl William and Mabel Aileen (Huddleston) Chapman; he married Judith Ann (Severine) Chapman on November 23, 1963, at St. John Lutheran Church in Granite City; and

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WHEREAS, He received his bachelor's degree in chemistry from Southern Illinois University in Edwardsville in 1963 and his doctor of jurisprudence from Saint Louis University in 1967; he completed his coursework for a master's degree in economics in 1980 and earned his master of law degree from the University of Virginia School of Law in 1992; and

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WHEREAS, He was a chemist at the V.A. Hospital in St. Louis; he practiced law at the Chapman and Chapman Law Office in Granite City for 12 years; he then served as a circuit judge in the Third Judicial Circuit in Madison County from 1979 to 1988; he was elected in 1988 to the Illinois Appellate Court, Fifth District, and served until 2001; he served as an adjunct professor at Saint Louis University Law School from 1982 to 2001; and he had been a partner of LakinChapman LLC Law Firm in

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1 Wood River since 2001; and

2 WHEREAS, Charles W. Chapman received his Illinois bar  
3 admission in 1967; he was admitted to practice before the U.S.  
4 Court of Appeals 7th Circuit in 1969 and before the United  
5 States Supreme Court in 1979; in addition, he was selected as  
6 Outstanding State Trial Judge in the U.S. by the Association of  
7 Trial Lawyers of America; he was the co-author of two books on  
8 legal issues; and

9 WHEREAS, He was a member of Zion Lutheran Church in  
10 Carpenter and enjoyed reading, cooking, and traveling; he will  
11 be remembered for the love and special times shared with his  
12 family and the cherished moments with his grandchildren; and

13 WHEREAS, He was preceded in death by his parents; and his  
14 brother-in-law, Loren "Curly" Springs; and

15 WHEREAS, The Honorable Charles Chapman is survived by his  
16 beloved wife of over 47 years, Judith Ann; his children,  
17 Christina (Steve), Thomas (Melissa), and Sarah; his cherished  
18 grandchildren, Samuel William Chapman, Silas Jerome Chapman,  
19 Eleanor Chapman Baker, Charles John Chapman Utgaard, and  
20 Margaret Utgaard; his sisters and brothers-in-law, Patricia  
21 and Duane Crews, Carol Sue Springs, and Sharon Kaye and Jim  
22 Hargraves; his brother-in-law and sisters-in-law, John and

1 Dessa Severine and Janet Severine; as well as his extended  
2 family and many friends; therefore, be it

3       RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL  
4 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn, along with  
5 his family and friends, the passing of the Honorable Judge  
6 Charles Chapman; and be it further

7       RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
8 presented to the family of the Honorable Charles William  
9 Chapman as a symbol of our sincere sympathy.