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

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

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WHEREAS, Charles Chapman received his bachelor's degree in chemistry from Southern Illinois University in Edwardsville in 1963 and his Doctor of Jurisprudence from St. Louis University in 1967; he subsequently completed his coursework for his 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, Charles Chapman served as a chemist at the V.A. Hospital in St. Louis, Missouri; 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; in 1988, he was elected to the Illinois Appellate Court Fifth District, where he served

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1 until 2001; he also served as an adjunct professor at St. Louis
2 University Law School from 1982 to 2001 and was a partner at
3 LakinChapman LLC Law Firm in Wood River since 2001; and

4 WHEREAS, Charles Chapman was admitted to the Illinois Bar
5 Association in 1967; he was admitted to practice before the
6 U.S. Court of Appeals 7th Circuit in 1969 and before the United
7 States Supreme Court in 1979; and

8 WHEREAS, Charles Chapman was selected as an Outstanding
9 State Trial Judge in the U.S. by the Association of Trial
10 Lawyers of America; he was also the co-author of two books on
11 legal issues; and

12 WHEREAS, Charles Chapman was a member of Zion Lutheran
13 Church in Carpenter; he enjoyed reading, cooking, and
14 traveling; and

15 WHEREAS, Charles Chapman was preceded in death by his
16 parents and his brother-in-law, Loren "Curly" Springs; and

17 WHEREAS, Charles Chapman is survived by his wife, Judith
18 Ann; his children, Christina, Thomas, and Sarah; his
19 grandchildren, Samuel William Chapman, Silas Jerome Chapman,
20 Eleanor Chapman Baker, Charles John Chapman Utgaard, and
21 Margaret Utgaard; his sisters and brothers-in-law, Patricia

1 and Duane Crews, Carol Sue Springs, and Sharon Kaye and Jim
2 Hargraves; his brother-in-law and sisters-in-law, John and
3 Dessa Severine and Janet Severine; and his many extended family
4 members and friends; therefore, be it

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

9 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
10 presented to the family of Charles Chapman as an expression of
11 our sympathy.