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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 Raymond S. Timpone of Urbana, who passed away on March 18, 2012; and

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WHEREAS, He was born on November 12, 1919, in Chicago, the son of Patrick and Marietta Timpone; he attended Fenwick High School, and subsequently joined the United States Navy; during World War II, he served his country as Chief Petty Officer on a supply ship stationed in Guam; and

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WHEREAS, Following his tour of duty, he attended the University of Illinois on the GI Bill and received his bachelor's degree in political science; he then enrolled in the University of Illinois Law School; while attending school, he and his wife, Maxine, opened a small tavern, which later became one of the most popular restaurants in Champaign-Urbana history, The Jolly Roger; and

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WHEREAS, He was a pioneer in the restaurant business in Champaign-Urbana; following the successful opening of the Jolly Roger, he opened several restaurants on campus, Timpone's and the Thunderbird; his famous thin crust pizza and Italian beef sandwich were among the first of such foods campus, and at one time he had over 25 delivery cars; he continued as an

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1 entrepreneur in the restaurant industry, opening several more
2 establishments, among them, Pizza Casa, the Jolly Roger Jr.,
3 and the Jolly Roger Bambino; and

4 WHEREAS, He was the first recipient of Parkland College's
5 Hospitality Person of the Year; he was a loyal supporter of the
6 University of Illinois; he was a member of the University of
7 Illinois Foundation, President's Council, and the I Fund; he
8 was a season ticket holder for over a half a century; he was a
9 member of the Illinois Quarterback Club, Illini Rebounders, and
10 Loyalty Circle; among his proudest moments was receiving his
11 Varsity I ring as an "Honorary I Man," which he always wore
12 proudly; and

13 WHEREAS, He funded several scholarships and had the honor
14 of endowing The Stanley O. Ikenberry Chair in the College of
15 Education; he was also a great benefactor of the Krannert
16 Center for the Performing Arts, both as a donor and an
17 enthusiastic attendee; and

18 WHEREAS, As a devout Catholic, he was a strong supporter of
19 the Serra Club, the Knights of Columbus, and was a council
20 member at St. Patrick's parish; he championed Catholic
21 education through contributions and support to Holy Cross
22 School and The High School of Saint Thomas More; he was a
23 member of the Chamber of Commerce and donated generously to the

1 city, perhaps most notably funding the Timpone Family
2 Ornamental Tree Garden in Urbana's Meadowbrook Park; and

3 WHEREAS, In 2004, he was asked to be a lead donor for the
4 National Italian-American Sports Hall of Fame, helping to
5 "Achieve the Dream" of bringing the museum to the city of
6 Chicago; among his passions were collecting stamps and coins;
7 he was also an enthusiast collector of early American china; he
8 stayed current with politics and current events; and he was an
9 avid reader who encouraged others to do likewise; and

10 WHEREAS, He was preceded in death by his cherished wife of
11 33 years, Maxine (Kirby) and his sisters, Roslyn Maister and
12 Florence Torres; and

13 WHEREAS, Raymond Timpone is survived by his dear, loving
14 companion, Joan Schmitt; his daughter, Deanna (John) Wright;
15 his sons, Raymond (Ginger) Timpone and Michael Timpone; his
16 grandchildren, John (Laura) Wright II, Ashley Wright Paddock,
17 Raymond, Nicholas, and Natalie Timpone, and Gage Timpone; his
18 great-grandchildren, Julia, Joanna, Faith, and Elle Wright,
19 and Maclane, John, Caroline, and Wright Paddock; and his
20 brother, Michael (Nettie) Timpone; therefore, be it

21 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL
22 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn, along with

1 his family and friends, the passing of Raymond Timpone; and be
2 it further

3 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
4 presented to the family of Raymond Timpone as a symbol of our
5 sincere sympathy.