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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 James William May, who passed away on April 27, 2013; and

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WHEREAS, James May was born on August 17, 1935, on the family farm in Montgomery County; and

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WHEREAS, James May attended one-room schools and graduated from Hilltop High School in 1952; he immediately matriculated to Brown's Business School in St. Louis, where he graduated from their programs in secretarial accounting and eventually court reporting programs; he also attended classes at St. Louis University and Southern Illinois University in Edwardsville; and

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WHEREAS, During his career, James May held appointments with Federal Judge Rubye Hulen of St. Louis as well as Federal District Judge William Beatty of Alton; he was also an official court reporter for the Third Judicial Circuit Madison County in Edwardsville; in 1969, he formed May Reporting Service, a freelance court reporting firm doing mostly depositions and arbitrations; he was still active shortly before his passing; he also served on the Madison County Housing Authority for 5 years and served as the Authority's chairman; and

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1 WHEREAS, James May was presented with the prestigious
2 Liberty Bell Award by the Madison County Board Association in
3 2000 in recognition of his achievements; and

4 WHEREAS, James May is survived by his longtime friend and
5 companion, Judy Furlow; his son, James M. May and his wife,
6 Amy; his daughter, Janie M. Grunwald and her husband, Scott;
7 his stepdaughters, Michelle Whittington and her husband
8 Dennis, and Cheryl Langreder; and his many grandchildren and
9 great-grandchildren; therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL
11 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn, along with
12 his family and friends, the passing of James William May; and
13 be it further

14 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
15 presented to the family of James May as an expression of our
16 sympathy.