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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 Stephen "Steve" Swinney of Benton, who passed away on September 16, 2015; and

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WHEREAS, Steve Swinney was born in Benton on June 20, 1948 to Dr. William "Bill" Joplin Swinney and Dorothy Monroe Swinney; he was a 1966 graduate of Benton Community High School, serving as class President and in numerous other clubs; he earned his bachelor's degree from Illinois State University and his master's degree from the University of Denver; and

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WHEREAS, Steve Swinney spent the past 41 years working in the banking industry, serving as the President of the State Bank of Whittington since 1977; during his years as President, the bank added 3 new branches in Benton, Sesser, and Christopher; the bank has continued to be locally owned and operated and carries a 5-star rating; and

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WHEREAS, Steve Swinney served most of his career on the legislative committee for the Community Bankers Association; he accepted the award for Business of the Year in 2010 for the State Bank of Whittington; and

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WHEREAS, Steve Swinney was an avid golfer and enjoyed

1 spending time with family and friends; he was a member of the  
2 Boccie Ball Club and the Elks Club; and

3 WHEREAS, Steve Swinney is survived by his wife, Sibyl  
4 Rodenbush Swinney; his children, Greg Swinney, Heather  
5 Franklin (Michael), and Sara Holman; his stepchildren, Ronda  
6 Baker Dunn (Randy), Beth Baker, and Preston Baker (Amy); his  
7 grandchildren, Tommy "The Turtle" Swinney, Emma, Kaylee, and  
8 Jacob Franklin, Dash, Charlie, and Josie Holman, Sara Hammer  
9 (Matt), Gavin Wanstreet (Elaine), and Lea Baker; his  
10 great-grandchild, Eleanor (Ella) Hammer; his sister, Nancy  
11 Durham (Chuck); his niece, Stephanie McDuffee (Mike), and her  
12 children, Jessica Sommer (Ethan) and Keyndra Calvin; his  
13 brothers-in-law, the Rev. Robert Rodenbush and wife,  
14 Evangeline, and Barry Rodenbush; his special cousin, Jack  
15 Monroe; and several other family members, friends, and  
16 colleagues; therefore, be it

17 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL  
18 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of  
19 William Stephen "Steve" Swinney, and extend our sincere  
20 condolences to his family, friends, and all who knew and loved  
21 him; and be it further

22 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
23 presented to the family of Steve Swinney as an expression of

1 our deepest sympathy.