

1 SENATE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate wish to
3 express their sincere condolences to the family and friends
4 of former Illinois State Senator, Frank D. Savickas, who
5 passed away on May 14, 2001; and

6 WHEREAS, Senator Frank Savickas was the first member of
7 Lithuanian extraction to be elected to the House of
8 Representatives where he served from 1967 through 1971 and
9 the Senate where he served from 1971 through 1992; and

10 WHEREAS, Senator Frank Savickas served his 15th Senate
11 District well by being elected as Assistant Majority Leader,
12 and serving on numerous committees such as Appropriations I,
13 Committee on Assignment of Bills (Chairman); Committee on
14 Committees; Executive; Executive Appointments; Veterans'
15 Affairs and Administration; Insurance, Pensions and Licensed
16 Activities; Labor; Public Health, Welfare and Corrections;
17 Revenue; Rules; Transportation; Legislative Space Needs
18 Commission and others too numerous to mention; and

19 WHEREAS, Senator Frank Savickas was known in the House
20 and Senate as a champion of the causes of senior citizens and
21 the handicapped and disabled; he is considered the father of
22 the legislation which gave the disabled the right to be
23 educated; and

24 WHEREAS, Senator Savickas was a major political force
25 working closely with several Chicago mayoral administrations
26 for the protection of the rights of all citizens of Illinois;
27 as 15th Ward Committeeman and Assistant Majority Leader, he
28 successfully brought economic development and progress to
29 such neighborhoods as Garfield Ridge, Marquette Park, the
30 City of Burbank and other southwest side communities; he also
31 worked closely with such governmental activities and worked
32 diligently in preserving Midway Airport for its economic

1 benefits to the neighboring communities; and

2 WHEREAS, Senator Savickas received numerous commendations
3 from community organizations for his leadership in the
4 General Assembly such as being presented with the 1988
5 Statesman of the Year Award by the International Union of
6 Operating Engineers, Local 150, for his strong advocacy for
7 all working men and women in the State of Illinois; and

8 WHEREAS, In addition to his legislative duties, Senator
9 Savickas also served as a member of the Lithuanian Chamber of
10 Commerce, Cardinal Mundelein Council of the Knights of
11 Columbus, and the Garfield Ridge Kiwanis; and

12 WHEREAS, The passing of former State Senator Frank D.
13 Savickas will be deeply felt by all who knew and loved him,
14 especially his wife, Pamela; his children, Michael, Linda
15 Silva, Sherry Brticevich, Margaret Polino, Angela Polino, and
16 Bianco Polino; his granddaughters, Kaeri, Adrienne, Tia,
17 Allison, Nicole, and Sabrina; and his many friends and
18 colleagues that have had the pleasure of working with him
19 throughout the years; therefore, be it

20 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-SECOND GENERAL
21 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn, along with
22 all who knew him, the death of Frank D. Savickas of Chicago
23 and Venice, Florida; and be it further

24 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
25 presented to the family of former Illinois State Senator
26 Frank D. Savickas with our sincere condolences.