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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate wish to express their sincere condolences to the family and friends of Kenneth J. Fredricks, who passed away on September 26, 2001; and

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WHEREAS, Kenneth J. Fredricks was born on August 26, 1923 in Chicago, Illinois; and

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WHEREAS, Mr. Fredricks served as city treasurer of Des Plaines, Illinois for 12 years, retiring in 1995; he served the Des Plaines Police Department since 1953, retiring with the rank of Sergeant; he founded the Des Plaines Police Boys Club in the mid-1950s and for many years was the Department's juvenile officer, serving as a mentor to local youth; and

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WHEREAS, After his retirement from the Des Plaines Police Department, Mr. Fredricks worked as head of security at Oakton Community College in Des Plaines; and

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WHEREAS, It was Mr. Fredricks' role as the official Des Plaines Santa Claus for the better part of four decades that endeared him to the community; and

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WHEREAS, The passing of Kenneth J. Fredricks will be deeply felt by all who knew and loved him, especially his wife of 54 years, LaVerne; his son, Kenneth (wife, Gayle); his daughters, Sharon (husband, Richard) Holthouse and Christine Bierute; his five grandchildren, and his one great-grandchild; therefore, be it

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RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn, along with all who knew him, the death of Kenneth J. Fredricks of Des Plaines, Illinois; and be it further

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RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be

1 presented to the family of Kenneth J. Fredricks with our
2 sincere condolences.