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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 Thomas Paul Burns, who passed away on September 30, 2001; and

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WHEREAS, Thomas Paul Burns was born on January 6, 1952 in Jacksonville, Illinois to Peter Joseph and Catherine McGinnis Burns; he married Ruth Fishburn on November 29, 1997 at St. Maurice Catholic Church in Morrisonville; and

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WHEREAS, Mr. Burns graduated from Carlinville High School in 1970 and earned a bachelor's degree in 1974 and a law degree in 1978 both from the University of Illinois; and

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WHEREAS, Mr. Burns worked as an attorney for Phelps, Kasten, Ruyle, Burns, Carmody and Sims Law Office, where he became a partner in 1978; in addition, he was a grain and livestock farmer in the Chesterfield area and was an emergency medical technician; and

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WHEREAS, Thomas Burns served as a member of numerous organizations, including the Illinois Bar Association, the Chesterfield Township Board, the Macoupin County Bar Association, Saint Mary and Joseph Catholic Church, and Kappa Delta Rho fraternity; in addition, he was a past precinct committeeman in Chesterfield, an Illinois associate trial lawyer, and an Illinois State Scholar; and

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WHEREAS, Thomas Burns was a recipient of the Mormann Freed Scholarship and James Scholarship from the University of Illinois; and

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WHEREAS, The passing of Thomas Paul Burns will be deeply felt by all who knew and loved him, especially his wife, Ruth; his brothers, Terrence E. (wife, Vicki) Burns, Daniel J. Burns, and Robert J. Burns; and his 12 nieces and nephews;

1 therefore, be it

2 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-SECOND GENERAL
3 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn, along with
4 all who knew him, the death of Thomas Paul Burns of
5 Carlinville, Illinois; and be it further

6 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
7 presented to the family of Thomas Paul Burns with our sincere
8 condolences.