

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 Michael G. Tierney, who passed away on December 18, 2001;
5 and

6 WHEREAS, Michael G. Tierney was born on January 26, 1918
7 in Elburn, Illinois to Michael J. and Christina Tierney; and

8 WHEREAS, Mr. Tierney attended Elburn Elementary and
9 graduated from high school in 1936; and

10 WHEREAS, Throughout his childhood, Mr. Tierney loved to
11 play baseball; in 1938, after playing with the Elburn
12 Collegiates for two years, he was invited to attend a
13 baseball camp held in Hot Springs, Arkansas and landed a spot
14 on the team beating out 335 other young men; even though he
15 knew he could start living his dream, his dream paid little
16 money, so he packed up and traveled home; he continued to
17 play and major league scouts from the Chicago Cubs to the St.
18 Louis Cardinals continued to follow his small town career;
19 and

20 WHEREAS, Shortly after becoming engaged to his high
21 school sweetheart, Isabel Hansson in 1940, Mr. Tierney
22 received two offers, one of which was an invitation to play
23 for the Chicago Cubs Farm Team and the second was to serve
24 and protect his country; Mr. Tierney, who was the very first
25 draftee from Elburn, left for basic training; and

26 WHEREAS, As his military career was coming to an end, the
27 Japanese bombed Pearl Harbor and Mr. Tierney was again one of
28 the first to be sent overseas to England; after five years of
29 military service, he returned home to civilian life once
30 again, and it wasn't long before he returned to his favorite
31 pastime; and

1 WHEREAS, Over the next 40 years, Mr. Tierney worked at
2 several jobs before his retirement in 1980; and

3 WHEREAS, Mr. Tierney was always serving his community on
4 various boards and volunteering his time, including as a
5 trustee for 12 years, as Commander of the Elburn American
6 Legion, as President of the Lions Club, as Trustee and Clerk
7 of the Blackberry Township Board, and as president of the
8 Sunset Swingers; in addition, he was very faithful to his
9 church, St. Galls, and he was proud to be part of the only
10 three generation family at the parish; and

11 WHEREAS, The passing of Michael G. Tierney will be deeply
12 felt by all who knew and loved him, especially his wife,
13 Isabel "Izzy" Tierney; his son, Mike (Mary) Tierney; his
14 grandchildren, Kevin (Sue) Tierney and Kelly (Jason) White;
15 his great-granddaughter, Kathleen Marie White; and a
16 community of friends; therefore, be it

17 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-SECOND GENERAL
18 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn, along with
19 all who knew him, the death of Michael G. Tierney of Elburn,
20 Illinois; and be it further

21 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
22 presented to the family of Michael G. Tierney with our
23 sincere condolences.