

## 1 SENATE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, It is occasionally necessary and appropriate for  
3 this body to appoint a committee of escort to wait upon  
4 distinguished persons whom the Senate seeks to honor; and

5 WHEREAS, Such a committee should be named to attend our  
6 esteemed colleague Senator John W. Maitland, Jr., of the  
7 Forty-fourth Legislative District, who is retiring from the  
8 General Assembly after representing the citizens of central  
9 Illinois since 1979; and

10 WHEREAS, Appointment to a committee of escort for Senator  
11 Maitland would be a privilege, for all members aspire to such  
12 a productive tenure that has encompassed the sponsorship of  
13 influential legislation, dynamic committee participation, and  
14 political acumen as an Assistant Senate Majority Leader since  
15 1993; and

16 WHEREAS, This chamber takes particular pride in forming a  
17 committee of escort for Senator Maitland, because his  
18 statesmanship and willingness to listen to opposing views  
19 have earned the respect of members from both sides of the  
20 aisle and have conveyed to the public the dignity and  
21 deliberation of the legislative process; and

22 WHEREAS, Senator Maitland, a grain farmer from rural  
23 Bloomington, Illinois, has developed an expertise in  
24 agricultural and educational issues for which he is  
25 nationally recognized and which affords him a stature as  
26 deserving of a committee of escort as any previous figure so  
27 honored; and

28 WHEREAS, During a life marked by professional  
29 accomplishments, civic commitment, and numerous awards,  
30 Senator Maitland retains a personal warmth and integrity  
31 reflective of the Midwestern character that the members of a

1 committee of escort wish to commemorate; and

2 WHEREAS, Senator Maitland's service to this body and to  
3 his country as a proud United States Marine warrants our  
4 appreciation and respect; and

5 WHEREAS, Although Senator Maitland's absence from this  
6 chamber will be keenly felt, it is reassuring that the  
7 committee of escort will usher him into the love and support  
8 of the family he shares with his wife, Joanne, and their  
9 children and grandchildren; therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-SECOND GENERAL  
11 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that, upon the retirement  
12 from this chamber of Senator John W. Maitland, Jr., and in  
13 tribute to his legacy of public service to the citizens of  
14 this State, a committee of escort consisting of the following  
15 members is appointed to wait upon Senator Maitland:

- 16 Senator Stanley B. Weaver
- 17 Senator Laura Kent Donahue
- 18 Senator Kirk W. Dillard
- 19 Senator Vince Demuzio
- 20 Senator William L. O'Daniel; and be it further

21 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
22 presented to Senator John W. Maitland, Jr.