

## 1 SENATE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The Senate has learned with sadness of the death  
3 of one of this State's most gifted trial lawyers, Mr. Forrest  
4 L. Tozer of Flossmoor, Illinois; and

5 WHEREAS, A member of the Chicago law firm of Lord,  
6 Bissell and Brook since 1951, Mr. Tozer combined skilled  
7 courtroom advocacy with unquestioned legal scholarship during  
8 a career that brought him well-deserved acclaim and that  
9 heightened the prestige to his firm; and

10 WHEREAS, Born October 29, 1922, in Morganstown, West  
11 Virginia, to the Reverend and Mrs. Aiden Tozer, he moved in  
12 his youth with his family to the Chicago area and graduated  
13 from Morgan Park High School, where he was voted "Most  
14 Popular Boy"; Mr. Tozer received his undergraduate and law  
15 degrees from the University of Chicago; and

16 WHEREAS, Mr. Tozer joined the United States Marine Corps  
17 during World War II and returned to active duty during the  
18 Korean War, when he attained the rank of lieutenant and  
19 earned the Purple Heart for wounds he suffered during the  
20 Battle of the "Frozen Chosin" Reservoir; a gifted athlete, he  
21 was a member of the U.S. Marine Corps baseball team and a  
22 combat swimming instructor; and

23 WHEREAS, After having practiced law with the United  
24 States Justice Department, Mr. Tozer joined Lord, Bissell and  
25 Brook in 1951 as an associate, then was a partner from 1959  
26 until 1989, at which time he became "of counsel"; and

27 WHEREAS, Throughout his professional life, Mr. Tozer  
28 devoted his efforts not only to his clients but also to the  
29 mentoring of young attorneys, who greatly benefited from his  
30 considerable knowledge, guidance, and sense of humor; and

31 WHEREAS, Known to his family and friends as "Bud", Mr.

1 Tozer married the former Rosemary Peacock in 1946, and  
2 together they shared the joys and challenges of raising four  
3 wonderful children, Elizabeth Christine Tozer, Paul William  
4 (Kimberly) Tozer, Judith Ann (John) Bardis, and Thomas Aiden  
5 (Lori Cerone) Tozer and experienced the pleasures of nine  
6 lively grandchildren; he was a member of Flossmoor Community  
7 Church; therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-SECOND GENERAL  
9 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mark with sorrow  
10 the passing of Mr. Forrest L. Tozer, noting the loss to the  
11 legal profession of one of Illinois' most accomplished and  
12 respected practitioners, and that we express our sincere  
13 sympathy to all who were privileged to know him; and be it  
14 further

15 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
16 presented to the family of Mr. Forrest L. Tozer, the law firm  
17 of Lord, Bissell and Brook, and the Flossmoor Community  
18 Church.