

1 SENATE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate are saddened
3 to learn of the death of Gardner Heidrick of Hinsdale, who
4 passed away July 6, 2002; and

5 WHEREAS, Mr. Heidrick was born in Clarion, Pennsylvania,
6 the son of Emmett Heidrick, a professional baseball player;
7 Mr. Heidrick got a degree in business administration from the
8 University of Illinois, taking off a year halfway to earn
9 enough money to finish his education; he also held numerous
10 part-time jobs at college, ranging from garbage collecting to
11 waiting tables at a sorority; and

12 WHEREAS, Mr. Heidrick went to work as a salesman for the
13 Scott Paper Co. in Philadelphia, where he met English-born
14 Eileen Lindsay; they married and were together for 59 years,
15 until her death in 1996; and

16 WHEREAS, Mr. Heidrick moved to Kansas City as personnel
17 manager for the Consumers Cooperative, then to Chicago as a
18 management consultant for the firm of Booz Allen Hamilton; in
19 1953, he joined his friend John Struggles, and they started
20 their own executive-recruiting company; and

21 WHEREAS, Heidrick & Struggles grew to become the world's
22 second-largest executive search firm, with nearly 1,000
23 search professionals and more than 80 offices worldwide; and

24 WHEREAS, Mr. Heidrick was chief executive officer of the
25 company for many years, helping the firm shape the
26 executive-search industry; he co-founded the Association of
27 Executive Search Consultants, served as the trade group's
28 president and helped establish ethical standards for the
29 industry; and

30 WHEREAS, At the age of 70, he retired from Heidrick &
31 Struggles, but not from work altogether, instead co-founding

1 the boutique executive search firm, the Heidrick Partners,
2 with his son, Bob Heidrick, who now is vice chairman of the
3 giant Spencer Stuart recruiting firm; and

4 WHEREAS, Mr. Heidrick was an avid golfer, traveling the
5 world to play top courses; he served as president of the
6 Hinsdale Golf Club and of the Community House, which provides
7 services to several suburbs in the Hinsdale area; an ardent
8 supporter of the University of Illinois, he served as
9 president of its alumni association and of the University of
10 Illinois Foundation, of which he was a life director; and

11 WHEREAS, Mr. Heidrick will be deeply missed by all those
12 who knew him and loved him, especially his sons, Bob and
13 Gardner Jr.; his six grandchildren; and his four
14 great-grandchildren; therefore, be it

15 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-SECOND GENERAL
16 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn, along with
17 his family and friends, the death of Gardner Heidrick; and be
18 it further

19 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
20 presented to the family of Gardner Heidrick with our sincere
21 condolences.