

## 1 SENATE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate wish to  
3 express their sincerest condolences to the family and friends  
4 of Alexander Magnus, who passed away on August 20, 2002; and

5 WHEREAS, Born in 1926, Alexander Magnus was a self-made  
6 successful businessman and the President of Manteks  
7 Corporation based in Arlington Heights; he had a degree in  
8 engineering from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology  
9 and distinguished himself in service to his country as a  
10 paratrooper during World War II; and

11 WHEREAS, In addition to being the guiding force behind a  
12 prosperous business, Mr. Magnus was known to be a  
13 philanthropist, donating substantial sums of money to  
14 worthwhile causes; and

15 WHEREAS, Mr. Magnus was especially concerned with the  
16 plight of Christians in the southern Sudan who were the  
17 victims of relentless attacks from the government in  
18 Khartoum; he played a significant role in bringing attention  
19 to the misery suffered by tens of thousands in the southern  
20 Sudan through his support for international organizations  
21 dedicated to bringing relief to the area; and

22 WHEREAS, Much of the southern Sudanese living in the  
23 region either had their homes destroyed, were murdered, or  
24 were sold into slavery; because of Mr. Magnus' efforts, the  
25 United States Congress is currently holding hearings  
26 concerning the plight of the southern Sudanese and, in part,  
27 due to his efforts, a cease-fire has been called in the  
28 region; and

29 WHEREAS, Mr. Magnus was a great man who did his work in  
30 relative anonymity; he was a true champion of the underdog  
31 with a heart of gold; and

1           WHEREAS, Mr. Magnus believed that knowledge was the  
2 strongest tool that one could use to bring about change; he  
3 dedicated his life to this philosophy as seen in his  
4 philanthropist efforts throughout the world; and

5           WHEREAS, The passing of Alexander Magnus will be deeply  
6 felt by all who knew and loved him, especially his wife,  
7 Maria; his children, Victoria, Mark, Kendis, Nina, Alex III,  
8 and Taissa; his grandchildren, Melissa, Anna, Sara, and  
9 Joseph; and his brother, Edward, M.D.; therefore, be it

10          RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-SECOND GENERAL  
11 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn, along with  
12 all who knew him, the death of Alexander Magnus of Arlington  
13 Heights; and be it further

14          RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
15 presented to the family of Alexander Magnus with our sincere  
16 condolences.