

## 1 SENATE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Senate of the State of  
3 Illinois were deeply saddened to learn of the death of  
4 Patrick L. O'Malley Sr. of Chicago on November 28, 2002 at  
5 the age of 91; and

6 WHEREAS, Mr. O'Malley was a leading public figure in  
7 Chicago for more than 40 years;

8 WHEREAS, He worked his way up from a deliveryman on a  
9 Coca-Cola truck to Vice President of the Coca-Cola  
10 Corporation; in 1962, he was named President of the  
11 Chicago-based Canteen Corporation; over the next two decades,  
12 he oversaw the company's growth and retained a role in its  
13 operation until his death, serving as Chairman Emeritus; and

14 WHEREAS, He was past President of the Chicago Park  
15 District, and past President of the Chicago Home Rule  
16 Commission; and

17 WHEREAS, His many civic accomplishments included helping  
18 to develop the Petrillo Music Shell, reintroducing mounted  
19 police to city parks, and orchestrating the 1980  
20 rehabilitation of Soldier Field that kept the Bears downtown;  
21 he also arranged a last-minute investment of cash in 1975  
22 that kept the White Sox in Chicago; and

23 WHEREAS, He was past President of the National Restaurant  
24 Association; past President of the Rotary Club of Chicago;  
25 past President of the Irish Fellowship Club of Chicago; past  
26 President and former Chairman of the Chicago Convention and  
27 Tourism Bureau; member of the Knights of Malta; and director  
28 of the 100 Club of Cook County; and

29 WHEREAS, He received many awards, including B'nai  
30 B'rith's first ever Great American Award in 1970, and the  
31 Horatio Alger Award in 1972; and

1           WHEREAS, After his retirement, he and his wife, Helen,  
2 who died in February after 68 years of marriage, remained in  
3 Chicago; and

4           WHEREAS, He worked in a bi-partisan fashion and was a  
5 friend to all who knew him; he leaves a legacy of community  
6 involvement and civic concern that will long inspire the  
7 citizens of this State; his every endeavor was characterized  
8 by his commitment to excellence; and

9           WHEREAS, He will be deeply missed by all his family and  
10 friends, especially his son, Patrick L. Jr. (Bette); his  
11 grandchildren, Christyne (James) Dzwierzynski, Patrick L. III  
12 (Melinda), Brian (Emily), Michael, Cathleen (Eric) Lower and  
13 Sean; and his great-grandchildren, Bailey and Patrick IV and  
14 Alex and Emma Dzwierzynski and Brenna; therefore, be it

15           RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-SECOND GENERAL  
16 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the death of  
17 Patrick L. O'Malley Sr., along with all who knew and loved  
18 him, and extend our sincere condolences to his family and  
19 friends; and be it further

20           RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
21 presented to the family of Patrick L. O'Malley Sr. as an  
22 expression of our sympathy.