

1 SENATE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Senate of the State of
3 Illinois were saddened to learn of the death of Stephen
4 Szymiski of Westmont on November 30, 2002 at 87 years of age;
5 and

6 WHEREAS, Mr. Szymiski was born and raised in Chicago and
7 attended Crane High School; and

8 WHEREAS, In 1945, Mr. Szymiski, who was a Chicago
9 firefighter, moved his family to Westmont on the advice of
10 his wife, Anne; there he opened a baby clothes shop which he
11 expanded and renamed Stephen's Department Store; and

12 WHEREAS, He also opened O.K. Hardware, Stephen's Annex
13 Domestic, and Family Shoe Store; at one time he owned more
14 than twenty buildings in the Village of Westmont; he was
15 known as a progressive thinker who helped Westmont develop
16 and move forward; and

17 WHEREAS, He was involved in the community, bringing a
18 PolkaFest to the village, chairing the 40th and 50th
19 anniversary celebrations and serving as one of the first Fire
20 and Police Commissioners in the 1950s; he was a member of the
21 Elks, Moose and Lions Clubs and was a longtime supporter of
22 the Westmont Chamber of Commerce; and

23 WHEREAS, The passing of this outstanding citizen will be
24 deeply felt by all who knew and loved him, including his wife
25 of 62 years, Anne; his sons, Gregory and Stephen; and his
26 five grandchildren; therefore, be it

27 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-SECOND GENERAL
28 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the death of
29 Stephen Szymiski and extend our sincere condolences to all his
30 family and friends; and be it further

1 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
2 delivered to the family of Stephen Szynski.