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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Senate of the State of Illinois learned with sadness of the death of James R. "Jim" Doody of Naperville on Thursday, March 17, 2005; and

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WHEREAS, He was born March 28, 1937, in Murphysboro to Ashton and Vera (Shumacher) Doody; he graduated in 1961 from Southern Illinois University in Carbondale with a bachelor of arts in English; and

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WHEREAS, Mr. Doody had a passion and talent for writing; he held positions in advertising and public relations at Interchemical Corporation and was the director of public information for Boatman's National Bank in St. Louis; he was also the director of public information at the former Monticello College (renamed Community College) in Godfrey; and

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WHEREAS, In 1970, he joined the staff at North Central College in Naperville as director of publicity and publications; in 1985, he was appointed executive director at North Central College in charge of the year-long 125th anniversary celebration; he was also appointed director of foundation relations at the college; he was the founder of North Central College's performing arts association and was a member for 24 years; he was instrumental in bringing celebrities to the college such as Tony Bennett, Victor Borge, Pat Boone, Rita Moreno, Carol Channing, Mel Torme, and the Joffrey Ballet, during which time Ronald Reagan's son was a member of the troupe; and

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WHEREAS, He was a member of the Naperville Jaycees, and in 1981, he received their distinguished service award for Cultural and Historic Services; he was listed in the Who's Who in the Midwest for 1978-79; he was the organizer and participated in the Trade Show Showcase in 1977 and was

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1 communications chairman for the 1976 U.S. bicentennial  
2 celebration in Naperville; he was an accredited member of the  
3 Public Relations Society of America, the Council for  
4 Advancement and Support of Education, the Illinois College  
5 Relations Conference, the Publicity Club of Chicago, the  
6 American College of Public Relations Association, and the  
7 DuPage Press Association; and

8 WHEREAS, He was a member of the board of directors and  
9 chairman of the public relations committee for the Naperville  
10 Chamber of Commerce in 1974, publicity chairman in 1974, and in  
11 1987, he was campaign chair for the Naperville Community Fund  
12 (now the United Way) and public relations chairman for the  
13 American Red Cross, West Area Region; he served as the chairman  
14 of the communications committee from 1974 to 1976 for the  
15 bicentennial celebration and publicity for the 1981  
16 sesquicentennial; from 1990 until his retirement in 1999, he  
17 was a grant writer for the College of DuPage in Glen Ellyn;  
18 while at the COD, he received the Outstanding Service Award in  
19 1995; and

20 WHEREAS, He had an eclectic collection of recorded music,  
21 including Broadway shows and movie film scores; he had been a  
22 very active member of the Community United Methodist Church in  
23 Naperville since 1969; at Community, he was the first male  
24 secretary of the administration board, second-year disciple  
25 Bible study, and played an instrumental part in writing the  
26 history of the church for its 125th anniversary; and

27 WHEREAS, The passing of James R. "Jim" Doody has been  
28 deeply felt by many, especially his wife, Mary Kay (Squires)  
29 Doody; his son, Michael R. Doody; his daughter, Jane Ann  
30 (husband James) McCloud; his sisters, Sharon (husband Richard)  
31 Graff and Mary Ann (husband David) Taylor; his sister-in-law,  
32 Fredia Doody; his granddaughters, Rebecca and Stephanie  
33 McCloud; and his numerous nieces and nephews; he was preceded

1 in death by his parents, Ashton and Vera (Shumacher) Doody, and  
2 his brother, Glenn Doody; therefore, be it

3 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL  
4 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of  
5 James R. "Jim" Doody, and we extend our deepest sympathy to his  
6 family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it  
7 further

8 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
9 presented to his family as an expression of our sincerest  
10 condolences.