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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Senate of the State of Illinois learned with regret of the death of Walter A. Sava of St. Charles on Tuesday, April 5, 2005; and

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WHEREAS, He was born July 20, 1929, in Chicago; he valiantly served his country as a member of the United States Army during the Korean War; and

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WHEREAS, He moved to St. Charles when he was discharged from the military and worked at Western Electric in West Chicago for over 32 years, serving as a manager; he then turned his attention to giving back to his community; and

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WHEREAS, He was elected a trustee of the St. Charles Township board in 1979 and rose to the level of township supervisor in 1983, a post he held until 1993; under his watch, the township expanded to a new building on Dean Street, created a board to oversee donations to senior service programs, and helped start a food pantry; for a time, he served simultaneously as township supervisor and a county board member representing the township; and

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WHEREAS, For his fellow Republicans, he set an example of how to build consensus and work as a peacemaker rather than a glory hound in his three decades as a St. Charles Township precinct committeeman and one-time vice chairman; he is remembered as one of the most active volunteers ever; and

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WHEREAS, Mr. Sava was the first to volunteer to hop on the snow plow if needed and made it a practice to drive around his district periodically just to hear how people thought things were going; as a politician, he made it his goal to reach out to the needy and lead by example; and

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1 WHEREAS, Always overflowing with energy, he was not content
2 just helping out in the township; he served on the St. Charles
3 Zoning Board of Appeals and eventually became President of Kane
4 County's appeals board in the 1970s; he was active in his
5 church, St. Patrick's in St. Charles, and served on the Baker
6 Memorial Community Center Board, helping forge the town's
7 recreation options; and

8 WHEREAS, Mr. Sava also campaigned tirelessly for his wife,
9 Lorraine Sava, who became the county's circuit clerk; he would
10 frequently stop in the office to flash a smile and share a joke
11 or tell a story about his hobbies: gardening, fishing, and
12 rooting for the Chicago White Sox; he also was a member and
13 officer of the St. Charles Jaycees; and

14 WHEREAS, The passing of Walter A. Sava has been deeply felt
15 by many, especially his wife of 54 years, Lorraine; his son,
16 Stu (Tammi) Sava; his sisters, Dorothy (Ray) Goslin and Millie
17 (Robert) Nowicki; and his brother, Paul (Lorraine) Sava;
18 therefore, be it

19 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL
20 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
21 Walter A. Sava, and we offer our deepest sympathy to his
22 family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it
23 further

24 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
25 presented to his family as an expression of our sincere
26 condolences.