1   SENATE RESOLUTION

2   WHEREAS, The members of the Senate of the State of Illinois

3   learned with regret of the death of Rizk S. Alwan of Peoria on

4   Friday, December 23, 2005; and

5   WHEREAS, He was born on May 31, 1921, in Itoo, Lebanon, to

6   Simon and Labeba Alwan; he married Laurice Alwan on August 21,

7   1950, in Peoria; and

8   WHEREAS, He was owner and operator of Alwans Plaza grocery

9   store on McBean Street in Peoria; he later went on to be

10 co-owner and operator of Famous Recipe Fried Chicken; most

11 recently, he was a consultant for the Community Action Agency;

12 and

13   WHEREAS, He was an active member of St. Sharbel Maronite

14 Catholic Church; he was a leader with the Maronite Christian

15 Formation and contributed to its writings and teachings; he was

16 a member of St. Sharbel Men's Club and the Order of St.

17 Sharbel; he was a recipient of the Apostolic Maronite Silver

18 Masabki Award for his service and leadership; and

19   WHEREAS, Mr. Alwan was known to donate food for the poor;

20 he was known as God's servant in the church, and his wisdom,

21 strength, and faith helped him keep the traditions of the

22 church alive; he was a great believer of St. Sharbel; and

23   WHEREAS, The passing of Rizk Alwan has been deeply felt by

24 many, especially his wife, Laurice; his daughter, Kathy (Bob)

25 Couri; his grandchildren, Brian and Kristina; his brother, Tony

26 Alwan; and his sister, Mahab Khattar; he was preceded in death

27 by his parents; his son, Simon Alwan; his daughter, Denise

28 Alwan; his three brothers; and his two sisters; therefore, be

29 it

1   RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL

2 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of

3 Rizk S. Alwan, and we extend our sincere condolences to his

4 family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it

5 further

6   RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be

7 presented to his family as an expression of our deepest

8 sympathy.