



1 SENATE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Senate of the State of Illinois  
3 learned with regret of the death of Paul "Jerry" Ellis of  
4 Aurora on Saturday, March 11, 2006; and

5 WHEREAS, Mr. Ellis was born on January 27, 1931 in Urbana  
6 to Carlin and Betty (Minnick) Ellis; his family moved to Aurora  
7 when he was five years old; and

8 WHEREAS, Mr. Ellis was a 1949 graduate of West Aurora High  
9 School; he graduated with a bachelor's degree in business from  
10 Marquette University in 1957; he and his wife, Suzanne (Stare)  
11 shared fifty years of marriage; and

12 WHEREAS, Mr. Ellis was a veteran of the Korean Conflict,  
13 where he was stationed in Anchorage, Alaska with the United  
14 States Coast Guard; he retired from Chicago Metra in 1996 and  
15 subsequently worked part-time at Precision Packaging; and

16 WHEREAS, Mr. Ellis was a loyal West Aurora basketball fan;  
17 he was inducted into the West Aurora High School Alumni Hall of  
18 Fame in 2003 and was a member of the West Aurora Booster  
19 Association; and

20 WHEREAS, Mr. Ellis was an active member of Holy Angels  
21 Church; he enjoyed camping, vacations in Pensacola, Florida,  
22 and traveling with friends of 40 years (the Rinky Dinks); he  
23 was blessed with many good friends; and

24 WHEREAS, He was preceded in death by his son, David Paul  
25 Ellis, and his parents; and

26 WHEREAS, The passing of Paul "Jerry" Ellis has been deeply  
27 felt by many, especially his wife, Suzanne; his children, Joan  
28 Ellis, John (Mary) Ellis, Paula (Brad) Bonifas, Joel Ellis, and

1 Mary (Tim) Kennedy; his daughter-in-law, Gayle Ellis; his  
2 grandchildren, John, Matthew, and David Ellis, Thomas and  
3 Claire Kennedy, and Ricky Davis; his brother, Rod (Julie)  
4 Ellis; and numerous nieces and nephews; therefore, be it

5       RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL  
6 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of  
7 Paul Ellis, and we extend our sincerest condolences to his  
8 family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it  
9 further

10       RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
11 presented to his family as an expression of our deepest  
12 sympathy for their loss.