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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 William Robert "Bill" Malone of Carterville on August 10, 2006; and

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WHEREAS, William Robert Malone was born on October 20, 1940, in Harco, to William Grant and Roberta Maxine (Killman) Malone; he married Lois Jean Stalorites on September 8, 1962; they renewed their vows in Bora Bora in 1998; and

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WHEREAS, Mr. Malone was CEO of Malone's Early Learning Centers in Carterville; he was a member of First Baptist Church in Carterville, which he represented on three mission trips to Kazakhstan; as an advocate for children and families, he served as district coordinator for Action for Children, and as state delegate to Illinois Association for the Education of Young Children; he was also a member of Voices for Illinois Children, Southern Illinois Association for the Education of Young Children, Southern Illinois Early Childhood Action Team, and Partners in Professionalism; he served on the Meth and Suicide Coalitions; and

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WHEREAS, Mr. Malone attended Southern Illinois University; he received a Master Professional Award from Childcare Resource and Referral for the last 5 years; in 2005, he was presented the Heart of the Affiliate Award for his dedication to children from Southern Illinois Association for the Education of Young Children; he was also presented the Sharing and Caring Award from the Illinois Department of Human Services and the Department of Children and Family Services in 2005; and

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WHEREAS, Mr. Malone's most lasting memorial will be in the hearts of the people all over the world that he touched and in the difference that he made in their lives, especially with his family; recently, his grandson Jacob, played "for his grandpa"

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1 in the Fairfield Country Club Golf Tournament and won first
2 place; the trophy was given to his coach and mentor-his papa,
3 because "he was the one who really won it."; and

4 WHEREAS, The passing of William Robert "Bill" Malone is
5 deeply felt by all who knew and loved him, especially his
6 loving wife, Lois Jean Malone; his loving children, daughters
7 and sons-in-law, Belinda Jo and Jeff "Bear" Dupuy, Donna Jo and
8 Lee Eklund and his son and daughter-in-law, William Eugene and
9 April Malone; his grandchildren, Sara Bree Bloodworth, Steven
10 Joseph Elliott, Dillon Scott Eklund, Jonathon Bradley Dupuy,
11 Jacob Eklund, Brennan Scott, Alexandra Grace, and Miranda Kay
12 Malone; his great grandson, Koby Braxton Childers; his brother,
13 Jerry Malone; his nephew, James Joseph Biederman; his nieces
14 and their families, Debra and Sid Horn and their children Tim
15 and Ryan, Lisa Malone and son Gavin; his beloved friend, Sheila
16 Jolly; his beloved cats, Rebel and Midnight; all his loyal
17 friends and the extended family of the children he has cared
18 for over the last 30 years who came to call him their own; he
19 was preceded in death by his parents, William Grant and Roberta
20 Maxine Malone, his mother and father-in-law, Joseph Paul and
21 Sara Ellen Stalorites, and his sister-in-law and
22 brother-in-law, Mary and Dick Biederman; therefore, be it

23 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL
24 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
25 William Robert "Bill" Malone, and we extend our sincere
26 condolences to his family, friends, and all who knew and loved
27 him; and be it further

28 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
29 presented to his family as an expression of our deepest
30 sympathy.