



1 SENATE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, Steve Rauschenberger was first elected to the
3 State Senate in 1992 as part of the famed "Fab Five"; and

4 WHEREAS, He is the Republican Spokesman for the Senate
5 Appropriations III Committee, and is also a member of the
6 Senate Appropriations I Committee, the Senate Appropriations
7 II Committee, the Senate Housing and Community Affairs
8 Committee, and the Senate Environment and Energy Committee; and

9 WHEREAS, As chairman of the Senate Appropriations
10 Committee for eight years, Senator Rauschenberger negotiated
11 multi-billion dollar State budgets, which provided millions of
12 dollars for schools, vital State programs, senior citizen
13 services, and local road and infrastructure improvements
14 without a tax increase; and

15 WHEREAS, He is an advocate for State taxpayers, supporting
16 statewide tax caps and increasing the income tax exemption; and

17 WHEREAS, He has been a leader in developing electric and
18 telecommunications deregulation law and Medicaid policy; and

19 WHEREAS, He was the Senate negotiator of KidCare, the State
20 health insurance program for children in low-income and working
21 families; and

22 WHEREAS, He was selected as an Assistant Senate Republican
23 Leader in 2003; and

24 WHEREAS, He served as President and Executive Board member
25 for the National Conference of State Legislators and helped
26 steer policy as a co-chairman of their Task Force on State and
27 Local Taxation of Telecommunications and Electronic Commerce;
28 and

1 WHEREAS, Steve has served as Township Committeeman for
2 Hanover Township in Cook County; he is also a former Senior
3 Warden of the Episcopal Church of the Redeemer and has been
4 active with Explorer Post 5 of the Boy Scouts of America; and

5 WHEREAS, Steve has been honored more than 60 times for his
6 legislative work by groups as varied as the Easter Seals,
7 Illinois Fire Fighters, various Chambers of Commerce, human
8 service groups, and educators; and

9 WHEREAS, He was a National Merit Semi-Finalist; and

10 WHEREAS, He graduated from the College of William and Mary
11 with a Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration; and

12 WHEREAS, He is a native of Elgin, where he lives with his
13 wife, Betty, and raised their two sons; and

14 WHEREAS, He has hosted the annual Senate staff appreciation
15 party at his Springfield residence for many years (with varied
16 results); and

17 WHEREAS, His zeal and adventurous spirit led him to
18 numerous places around the world and the pursuit of higher
19 office on several occasions; and

20 WHEREAS, His throwback nature shined through in his mild
21 Statehouse smoking habit; and

22 WHEREAS, His love for junk food created a stack of M & M's
23 and Laffy Taffy to rival only the State's budget bills and also
24 led to Steve's mid-life jogging and biking habit; and

25 WHEREAS, Steve can happily leave the Senate knowing his
26 beloved Chicago White Sox were crowned the World Champions of

1 Professional Baseball in 2005; therefore, be it

2 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL
3 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we congratulate Senator
4 Steve Rauschenberger as he leaves the Illinois Senate after 13
5 years of dedicated service, and we wish him well in all his
6 future endeavors; and be it further

7 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
8 presented to Senator Rauschenberger with our thanks for a job
9 well done.