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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate are saddened to learn of the death of Keith J. Koza of Geneva, who passed away on September 19, 2009; and

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WHEREAS, Keith J. Koza was born July 26, 1952, in Hammond, Indiana, the son of John and Carol (Bonior) Koza; he resided in Batavia for most of his childhood and later called Geneva his home; and

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WHEREAS, He was a patrol officer for 27 years, serving the Geneva Police Department; he earned a degree from the Culinary Institute of America, which he continued to use throughout his life while cooking for everyone he loved; he began his baking career from the garage of his home in St. Charles until he opened his bakery in Geneva, Konfectionary Kreation, which he operated for one year in 1986; his culinary prowess took over again when he began Koza Kookin' Pig Roasts in 2003, where he served the Kane County area for six years, creating the finest BBQ pork around; and

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WHEREAS, He was a graduate of Aurora University with a criminal justice management certificate; for 8 years he served as a reserve officer to the Geneva Police Department before he was hired full-time in June of 1982; during his 27-year service

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1 he accomplished a master firearms certification and was a
2 firearms instructor, evidence technician accident investigator
3 (ETAI), court liaison officer, and truck enforcement officer;
4 he also was a non-lethal weapons instructor, and periodically
5 served as officer in charge (OIC) for the department; he also
6 served as chairman for the Employee Advisory Committee for many
7 years; and

8 WHEREAS, He was an avid traveler and master cruiser with
9 his wife and enjoyed the company of his closest friends; during
10 the fall on Sundays he could be found on the couch, yelling at
11 the TV, watching the Chicago Bears do their best; on summer
12 days he was often on his back porch, listening to the Chicago
13 Cubs, smoking his favorite cigar; he loved to try his hand at
14 golf whenever he had the chance; he always found ways to keep
15 busy, whether working on finishing his "mancave" or tending his
16 garden; his life's motto was to "Live life as you want to live
17 it."; and

18 WHEREAS, He was preceded in death by his parents; and

19 WHEREAS, Keith Koza is survived by his wife, Mary
20 (Collins); his daughter, Katie A. (Mike) Schluter; his son,
21 Jeffrey K. Koza and his girlfriend Christina Lialios; his
22 sister, Kim (Ken) Voo; his brother, Mark Koza; his
23 grandchildren, Kathleen and James Showalter and Isabella Koza;

1 his nephews, Chris Dunn and Tony (Zoe) Dunn; his great-niece
2 and great-nephew, Lucy and Eli Dunn; his father-in-law and
3 mother-in-law, Ken and Betty Collins; his brothers-in-law,
4 Mike (Heather), Mark (Ann), and Matt (Karen) Collins; and his
5 niece and nephew, Maya and Oscar Collins; therefore, be it

6 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-SIXTH GENERAL
7 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn, along with
8 his family and friends, the passing of Keith Koza; and be it
9 further

10 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
11 presented to the family of Keith J. Koza as a symbol of our
12 sincere sympathy.