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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 Frederick Kowalske of Peoria, who passed away on December 3, 2009; and

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WHEREAS, Frederick Kowalske was born on July 22, 1937, in Peoria; his parents were Frederick W. and Irma V. Callaway Kowalske; he married Sharon Knowles in Peoria on February 4, 1989; and

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WHEREAS, Frederick Kowalske was employed at Kowalske and Sons Sheet Metal for many years; he was then employed as an advertising executive for Ross Advertising, where he retired as company chairman on July 16, 2002, after 41 years of service; and

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WHEREAS, After his retirement, Frederick Kowalske served as the Executive Director for the Peoria Habitat for Humanity; he was a member of the Peoria High Football Team and was inducted into the Greater Peoria Sports Hall of Fame in 2001; he was a member of the Salvation Army Board; he served on various committees for the Peoria Riverfront Museum; he was a past president of the Peoria Historical Society and the Boy Scouts W.D. Boyce Council; he was a member of the Gridiron Board and Peoria Opportunities Foundation and served on the

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1 Federal Home Loan Bank of Chicago's Community Investment
2 Advisory Council and the IVC School Board; he was also a member
3 of the First United Methodist Church in Peoria and was active
4 in the Wesley Class; and

5 WHEREAS, Frederick Kowalske was a recipient of the Scouts
6 Silver Beaver Award and was named the Peoria Ad Club's Man of
7 the Year in 1992; and

8 WHEREAS, Frederick Kowalske was preceded in death by his
9 parents; and

10 WHEREAS, Frederick Kowalske is survived by his wife,
11 Sharon; his children, Kent (Laura) Kowalske, Lynne (Kevin)
12 Breitbarth, Susan Knowles, Sandie Klawer, and Shelly (Giacomo)
13 Baldini; his grandchildren, Alyssa, Drew, Kayla, Miranda,
14 Stephanie, John, Paul, and Jessica; and his
15 great-grandchildren, Haley and Corven; therefore, be it

16 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-SIXTH GENERAL
17 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn, along with
18 his family and friends, the passing of Frederick Kowalske; and
19 be it further

20 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
21 presented to the family of Frederick Kowalske as an expression

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1 of our sympathy.