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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 Calvin Marcum of Aurora, former Senior Pastor of First Presbyterian Church in Aurora, who passed away on January 30, 2010; and

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WHEREAS, He served as Senior Pastor of First Presbyterian Church from 1962 to 1982; he is remembered for his sermons and compassionate counsel; and

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WHEREAS, He was remembered for inventing the Gee Dunk, a family dessert consisting of ice cream, Hershey's chocolate syrup, and peanuts, with Coke poured over it; and

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WHEREAS, He loved attending the inaugurations for American presidents, and attended all of them from 1969 to 2005; he was in ill health and could not attend President Obama's, so his family went for him; and

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WHEREAS, He was a lifelong admirer of President Abraham Lincoln and was laid to rest next to his parents in Oak Ridge Cemetery in Springfield, the final resting place of President Lincoln; his final wish was that his family meet at a Springfield Steak'n Shake after the interment; and

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1 WHEREAS, Pastor Marcum is survived by his wife, Twyla;
2 Pastor Marcum was the father of three proud children, Gwen
3 (Reverend Andrew) Morgan, Donald (Margaret) Marcum, and Stacey
4 (Randy) Aspen; his grandchildren are Benjamin Marcum, Dustin
5 (Monica) Marcum, Trent (Alison) Taylor, Curt Taylor, Michelle
6 (Nathan) Benevelli, Micah Morgan, Sarah Aspen, Derek Smith,
7 Rebecca (Steven) Outlaw, and Anna Morgan; he was also the
8 loving great-grandfather of Anthony Woolf, and Madison and Emma
9 Outlaw; therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-SIXTH GENERAL
11 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn, along with
12 his family, friends, and former congregation, the passing of
13 Pastor Calvin Marcum; and be it further

14 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
15 presented to the family of Pastor Calvin Marcum as a symbol of
16 our sincere sympathy.