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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate were saddened to learn of the death of John J. "Jack" Kent, who passed away on August 4, 2009; and

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WHEREAS, The last twenty years of his life he served as the Facilities Manager at St. Margaret Mary Parish, where he kept the Activity Center properly scheduled, heated, cooled, clean, and inviting to all those people who came together to eat, to pray, to mourn, to celebrate, and to relax, all those things necessary to build a vibrant community; and

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WHEREAS, For twenty-five years the cast of "Snack Theater" was indebted to him for his patience in solving all the technical problems involved in putting on a musical production; and

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WHEREAS, Jack played tight end at Iowa State University, and was invited to try out for the Dallas Cowboys; and

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WHEREAS, Jack loved life, was truly Mother Nature's son, a country boy at heart, and a real cowboy in South Dakota; and

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WHEREAS, Jack had a deep and abiding love for his family, and especially his wife, Julie; and

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1           WHEREAS, Jack is survived by his wife of 46 years, Julie,  
2           nee Keuth; he was the loving father of Janmarie Kent, Julianne  
3           (Randy) Weiss, Joseph (Jackie) Kent, and Jessica (Francis)  
4           Corrigan; he was the adored "Papa" of Erin Mackin, Melissa and  
5           Danielle Weiss, Jillian, Jacey, and Jackson Kent, and Francis  
6           and Patrick Corrigan; he was the fond brother of Mike (Maxine)  
7           Kent, Barbara (Bob) Dewell, and the late Gary (Linda) Kent; and  
8           he was the devoted son-in-law of Jeanne Keuth; therefore, be it

9           RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-SIXTH GENERAL  
10          ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn, along with  
11          his family and friends, the passing of John J. "Jack" Kent; and  
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13          RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
14          presented to the family of John J. "Jack" Kent as a symbol of  
15          our sincere sympathy.