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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 Frank C. Rathje Jr., who passed away on May 10, 2012; and

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WHEREAS, Frank Rathje Jr. was born and raised in Chicago; after attending high school at Northwestern Military Academy in Lake Geneva, Wisconsin, he attended Lawrence University in Appleton, Wisconsin; after one semester at Lawrence, he left and joined the United States Navy during World War II; after serving as a radio man on a transport ship, he returned to college, graduating from Grinnell College in Iowa in 1950; and

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WHEREAS, Frank Rathje Jr. spent more than 35 years in banking in the Chicago area; after graduating from college, he joined Continental Illinois National Bank and Trust Co., where he steadily rose through the ranks before becoming vice-president in 1964; he later served as president of Elmhurst National Bank and the bank's parent company, Elm Marine Bancshares; he also served as chairman and president of Illinois Valley Bancshares until he sold it in 1992 and decided to retire; and

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WHEREAS, Frank Rathje Jr. served on Elmhurst College's Board of Trustees from 1982 until 1989 and remained a trustee

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1 emeritus until his passing; and

2 WHEREAS, Frank Rathje Jr. served on the Glenwood School for
3 Boys and Girls board from 1980 until 1983, and was the driving
4 force behind the creation of the school's 420-acre west campus
5 in St. Charles in 1993; in honor of his work at Grinnell
6 College, a student residence at the college was named Rathje
7 Hall in 2006; and

8 WHEREAS, Frank Rathje Jr. was preceded in death by his
9 wife, Marion; and

10 WHEREAS, Frank Rathje Jr. is survived by his daughter,
11 Karen Rathje Shaw; his sister, Shirley Reed; his 2
12 grandchildren; and his great-grandson; therefore, be it

13 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL
14 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn, along with
15 his family and friends, the passing of Frank C. Rathje Jr.; and
16 be it further

17 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
18 presented to the family of Frank Rathje Jr. as an expression of
19 our sympathy.