

1 SENATE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate wish to
3 express their sincere condolences to the family and friends
4 of Anthony Vacco, Sr., who passed away on January 4, 2002;
5 and

6 WHEREAS, A political powerhouse in the South Suburbs,
7 Anthony Vacco, Sr. was an eight-term mayor of the Village of
8 Evergreen Park whose name became synonymous with Evergreen
9 Park; and

10 WHEREAS, Anthony Vacco's political career began in 1956
11 when a precinct captain asked him to hand out "I Like Ike"
12 fliers for President Eisenhower's reelection campaign; when
13 the precinct captain retired in 1957, Mr. Vacco assumed the
14 position; and

15 WHEREAS, Mayor Vacco was appointed to Evergreen Park's
16 zoning board in 1961; after one term as trustee, he was
17 appointed mayor in 1968 and served for eight terms, retiring
18 in 2001; and

19 WHEREAS, Some of Mayor Vacco's many accomplishments
20 include the paving and curbing of Village streets,
21 constructing a new firehouse, softball fields and ice rink at
22 82nd and Kedzie Avenue, and "establishing and maintaining a
23 fine residential community where people were proud to live
24 and wanted to move to"; Mayor Vacco stated that his greatest
25 mayoral achievement was the day the United States Postal
26 Service finally awarded Evergreen Park its own ZIP code after
27 a 20-year campaign; and

28 WHEREAS, After his retirement as mayor, the Village of
29 Evergreen Park unanimously appointed Mayor Vacco as the
30 Village's part-time intergovernmental and community
31 development liaison officer; and

1 WHEREAS, Mayor Vacco also served as chairman of the
2 Southwest Council of Mayors for 25 years until his retirement
3 in 2001; and

4 WHEREAS, Mayor Vacco's passion for Evergreen Park, where
5 he lived for 46 years, was worn proudly on his sleeve; he
6 stood up for his community and for municipalities and fought
7 many battles on behalf of local government in the Illinois
8 General Assembly; his appeal crossed party lines; and

9 WHEREAS, The passing of Anthony Vacco, Sr. will be deeply
10 felt by all who knew and loved him, especially his children,
11 Sandra (Gary Boston) Johnson, Darlene (David) Naumann, and
12 Anthony (Martha) Vacco, Jr.; his grandchildren, Deborah,
13 Scott, Lindsey, Brynn, Dana, and Stacey; his sister, Lee
14 (Joe) Garbarczyk; his sister-in-law, Carmella Vacco; his
15 nieces, nephews, and other relatives; and the residents of
16 Evergreen Park; he was preceded in death by his beloved wife,
17 Patricia Vacco and his brothers, Peter, Frank, and John
18 Vacco; therefore, be it

19 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-SECOND GENERAL
20 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn, along with
21 all who knew him, the death of Anthony Vacco, Sr. of
22 Evergreen Park, Illinois; and be it further

23 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be
24 presented to the family of Anthony Vacco, Sr. with our
25 sincere condolences.