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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate are saddened to learn of the passing of James J. Diamond of Mount Prospect, who died June 21, 2002; and

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WHEREAS, Mr. Diamond was a former dean and longtime economics professor at DePaul University's College of Commerce; his academic career with DePaul spanned more than 50 years, from his days as an undergraduate at the College of Commerce to his post as dean of the university's business school; and

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WHEREAS, Mr. Diamond was reared on the North Side of Chicago; he received his bachelor's degree from DePaul's College of Commerce in 1950 and his master's degree in business administration from the university in 1951; and

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WHEREAS, In 1953, Mr. Diamond began teaching at DePaul, specializing in economic theory and econometrics; after completing master's and doctoral degrees in economics at Northwestern University in 1962, Mr. Diamond became an integral part of DePaul's business school and its economics department; and

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WHEREAS, Mr. Diamond served as department chairman from 1966 to 1970, as associate dean of the Graduate School of Business from 1968 to 1970, and then as dean of the College of Commerce from 1971 to 1978; and

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WHEREAS, Mr. Diamond returned to the economics department to teach full time until his retirement in 1988, the same year in which he was given the university's highest faculty/staff honor, the Via Sapientiae Award; and

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WHEREAS, As professor emeritus, Mr. Diamond taught part-time at DePaul until September 2001; in 1996, a former student of Mr. Diamond's, Dennis Calvanese, and his wife,

1 Sandra, endowed the James J. Diamond Scholarship, given
2 yearly to four DePaul students majoring in economics; and

3 WHEREAS, Mr. Diamond was devoted to DePaul University and
4 his influence on the economics department cannot be
5 overstated; he let no bias or prejudice, desire to please or
6 fear of offense, cloud his thinking; and

7 WHEREAS, Mr. Diamond was president of the Illinois
8 Economic Association from 1980 to 1981; he was also a member
9 of the American Economic Association and the Econometrics
10 Society; he served as a consultant to several businesses and
11 non-profit organizations; and

12 WHEREAS, Mr. Diamond will be deeply missed by all those
13 who knew him and loved him, especially his wife, Mary Ann
14 Diamond; his son, James Stephen (Elizabeth) Diamond; his
15 daughter, Ann Catherine (Wayne) Wilson; and his
16 granddaughter, Melissa Diamond; therefore, be it

17 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-SECOND GENERAL
18 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn, along with
19 his family and friends, the death of James J. Diamond; and be
20 it further

21 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
22 presented to the family of James Diamond with our sincere
23 condolences.