



1 SENATE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Senate of the State of Illinois
3 learned with sadness of the death of John W. Luttrell of
4 Decatur on August 8, 2005; and

5 WHEREAS, Mr. Luttrell was born November 27, 1931, in
6 Clinton, to Emily and Raymond Luttrell; he married JoAnn
7 Delores Bourland in 1953; and

8 WHEREAS, He was a 1953 graduate of Millikin University; he
9 was one of the 10 basketball players to represent Millikin at
10 the 1951 NAIA Basketball Tournament, which was the first time
11 the university ever qualified to attend; he was also a member
12 of Millikin's track team and holds the record for the two-mile
13 race; and

14 WHEREAS, After graduating from Millikin, he served in the
15 Army and then went to work for Illinois Bell Telephone, where
16 he became the youngest manager in the company's history; he
17 then joined The First National Bank as an Assistant
18 Vice-President and was named Bank President in 1966; he served
19 for over 30 years as President and Chief Executive Officer for
20 First Decatur Bancshares, parent company of The First National
21 Bank of Decatur and FirsTech, Inc.; he retired in 2002; and

22 WHEREAS, He was a member of the Millikin Board of Trustees;
23 he had been a member of the Board of Directors of the Illinois
24 Bankers Association, the Decatur-Macon County Economic
25 Development Foundation, and Decatur Memorial Hospital; among
26 his numerous community roles, he served as President or
27 Chairman of United Way of Decatur and Macon County, the Chamber
28 of Commerce for Decatur and Macon County, and Decatur Memorial
29 Foundation; and

30 WHEREAS, He was a member of Westminster Presbyterian

1 Church, where he served as an elder; and

2 WHEREAS, He received the Young Alumnus Award and the Alumni
3 Merit-Loyalty Award from Millikin University and was a charter
4 member of the Millikin Athletic Hall of Fame; he was a past
5 president of the Millikin Quarterback Club and had recently
6 been inducted into the Medallion Society, which honors
7 individuals who have had a significant impact on the university
8 since 1901; and

9 WHEREAS, He was a wonderful father, grandfather, husband,
10 and friend; he was a true gentleman, beloved by so many people;
11 and

12 WHEREAS, He was preceded in death by his mother and father;
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14 WHEREAS, The passing of John W. Luttrell is felt by all who
15 knew and loved him, especially his wife, JoAnn; his sons,
16 Stephen Luttrell and his wife Patti Palmer Luttrell, Thomas
17 Luttrell and his wife Mary Cunningham Luttrell, and Gregory
18 Luttrell and his wife Barbara Padula Luttrell; his daughter,
19 Tracey (Luttrell) Jerger and her husband Bret Jerger; his
20 sister, Anne (Luttrell) Borg and her husband Richard Borg; and
21 his eight grandchildren; therefore, be it

22 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL
23 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
24 John W. Luttrell and extend our sincerest condolences to his
25 family, friends, and community; and be it further

26 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
27 presented to his family as an expression of our deepest
28 sympathy.