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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 Matteson Village President Mark Stricker, who passed away on August 17, 2008; and

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WHEREAS, Mr. Stricker was a resident of the Village of Matteson for 45 years; he first served Matteson as a trustee before being elected Village President, where he served for over 25 years as a loyal and dedicated servant to the residents of Matteson; he also served as a volunteer with the Matteson Fire Department; and

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WHEREAS, Mr. Stricker had a long and distinguished career in education; he served as a teacher at Tinley Park High School for 36 years; he was also a Past President of the Elementary School District #159 Board; and

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WHEREAS, Mr. Stricker oversaw expansion of the community, and worked to draw business back to the Lincoln Mall; and

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WHEREAS, Mr. Stricker lobbied the Cook County Board to develop a four-mile forest preserve path along Flossmoor and Vollmer Roads; and

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WHEREAS, Mr. Stricker created high-end and middle-class

1 housing in the village, which contributed to the high standard
2 of living; and

3 WHEREAS, Mr. Stricker was a member of the South Suburban
4 Mayors and Managers Association, where he served as
5 Past-President, Executive Board Member, and Chairperson of the
6 Transportation Committee; he served as an Advisory Board Member
7 of the Matteson Area Chamber of Commerce and was a Board Member
8 of the Chicago Southland Convention and Visitors Bureau; he was
9 also a member of Greater Chicago Council of Governments and was
10 one of 17 mayors in the State of Illinois elected to serve on
11 the Board of the Illinois Tax Increment Finance Committee; and

12 WHEREAS, Mr. Stricker was a member of Crete Lodge #763 and
13 the Illinois Board of Governors Member of Order of the Eastern
14 Star; he was also an A.F. & A.M. Past Worthy Grand Patron; and

15 WHEREAS, Mark Stricker was the beloved and caring husband
16 of 51 years to Charlotte Stricker, nee Sandvois; the loving
17 father of Lynne (Daryl) LoSchiavo and Jean (Tod) Jacobson; the
18 cherished grandfather of James, David, Jaron, and Austin; and
19 the fond stepbrother of Walter (Virginia) Meisner and Katherine
20 (late Ted) Meisner; therefore, be it

21 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-FIFTH GENERAL
22 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn, along with

1 his family, friends, and community, the passing of Village
2 President Mark Stricker; and be it further

3 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
4 presented to the family of Mark Stricker as a symbol of our
5 sincere sympathy.