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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 Raymond M. Fitzgerald, who passed away on January 21, 2009; and

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WHEREAS, Raymond Fitzgerald was born in Evergreen Park and raised on the South Side of Chicago; he was a graduate of Brother Rice High School in Chicago; he received a bachelor's degree in economics and political science from Northern Illinois University; and

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WHEREAS, Raymond Fitzgerald had a long and distinguished career in public service; in 1994, he served as a legislative aide to then-Illinois Governor Jim Edgar, a position he held for five years; he later worked for a year as a member of the staff on the House Science and Technology Committee; and

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WHEREAS, From 2000 to 2005, Raymond Fitzgerald served as the legislative director to U.S. Representative John Shimkus, where he gained a reputation for his honesty and straightforward nature; and

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WHEREAS, In 2001, Raymond Fitzgerald married his wife, Kristin; he moved with his family to Naperville in 2005 after accepting a lobbying position at Navistar Inc.; and

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1           WHEREAS, Raymond Fitzgerald is survived by his wife; his  
2 daughters, Nora, Maggie, and Lucy; his mother, Kaye; and his  
3 sisters, Colleen Zientek, Mary O'Donnell, Debbie Noll, Linda  
4 Trinley, and Maureen Harkala; therefore, be it

5           RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-SIXTH GENERAL  
6 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn, along with  
7 his family and friends, the passing of Raymond M. Fitzgerald;  
8 and be it further

9           RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
10 presented to the family of Raymond Fitzgerald as an expression  
11 of our sympathy.