

## 1 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the General Assembly are saddened  
3 to learn of the death of James C. Coultas of Jacksonville,  
4 who passed away March 30, 2002; and

5 WHEREAS, Mr. Coultas was born November 23, 1921, in  
6 Jacksonville, the son of Orville F. and Mary B. Coultas; he  
7 married Gratia Hall in 1944 in Camp Wolters, Texas; and

8 WHEREAS, Mr. Coultas attended Jacksonville public schools  
9 and graduated from Illinois College in 1943, where he was  
10 president of Sigma Pi fraternity; and

11 WHEREAS, Mr. Coultas was a U.S. Army veteran of World War  
12 II, serving in the 31st Dixie Division in New Guinea as an  
13 infantryman and across the South Pacific; and

14 WHEREAS, James Coultas worked at Elliot State Bank, where  
15 he was elected president in 1966, chairman of the board of  
16 directors in 1977, and chairman of the board after the merger  
17 into Firstbank of Illinois; he was a former director of the  
18 Illinois Bankers Association and past director of the  
19 Association for Modern Banking in Illinois; and

20 WHEREAS, Mr. Coultas assisted in the planning and  
21 construction of Central Illinois Expressway, now Interstate  
22 72; he served the Jacksonville Area Industrial Corp. for more  
23 than 30 years; and

24 WHEREAS, Mr. Coultas held leadership posts with the  
25 Jaycees, Rotary Club, and United Fund; he served as president  
26 and director of the Jacksonville Chamber of Commerce and  
27 later on the Illinois State Chamber of Commerce board of  
28 directors; and

29 WHEREAS, James Coultas was the recipient of the  
30 Jacksonville Citizen of the Year Award in 1982, and was

1 inducted into the Jacksonville Area Hall of Fame in 1991; he  
2 was awarded the Circle of Excellence award in 1994 from the  
3 chamber of commerce; and

4 WHEREAS, Mr. Coultas served on the Illinois College Board  
5 of Trustees from 1978-1994, where he was vice chairman for  
6 several years, and received the Doctor of Humane Letters from  
7 the college in 1994; he was a member of First Presbyterian  
8 Church of Jacksonville, where he was a choir member for many  
9 years; and

10 WHEREAS, James C. Coultas will be deeply missed by all  
11 those who knew him and loved him, especially his wife,  
12 Gratia; his sons, Jeff (Addie) Coultas, Will (Anne) Coultas,  
13 and Andy Coultas; his daughter, Jean Statler; his nine  
14 grandchildren; and his sisters, Rosemary (Tom) Watkins and  
15 Carol (Walter) Lohman; therefore, be it

16 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-SECOND GENERAL  
17 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE HOUSE OF  
18 REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING HEREIN, that we mourn, along with  
19 his family and friends, the death of James C. Coultas of  
20 Jacksonville; and be it further

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