

1 SENATE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate wish to
3 express their sincere condolences to the family and friends
4 of Owen N. Kane III, who passed away on January 22, 2001; and

5 WHEREAS, Owen N. Kane III was born in 1916 in Wisner,
6 Nebraska, the ninth of nine children to Owen N. II and
7 Elizabeth Kane; he graduated from the University of Notre
8 Dame in 1938 and Harvard Business School in 1940; in 1941, he
9 married the late Cecilia Fitzgerald; and

10 WHEREAS, Following World War II, during which he served
11 as a lieutenant in a Naval Air Squadron, he started his
12 professional career with Firestone, later joining Zweifel
13 Motors in Evanston, Illinois; and

14 WHEREAS, In 1953, Mr. Kane moved his family to the Fox
15 Valley area where he opened his car business, Owen Kane Ford;
16 for 27 years he was the president of Owen Kane Ford Sales,
17 Owen Kane Auto Center and Owen Kane Leasing of Aurora; and

18 WHEREAS, Owen N. Kane III took great pride in his
19 hometown of Aurora by being active in numerous organizations
20 including the Aurora Chamber of Commerce, the Holy Name
21 Society, the Knights of Columbus, Aurora Country Club, Aurora
22 Notre Dame Club, Aurora Serra Club, and as a Board of
23 Director of the original St. Joseph Hospital; in addition, he
24 joined other community leaders in the founding of Rosary High
25 School; and

26 WHEREAS, Owen N. Kane III's considerable pride extended
27 to his family and his Irish Catholic heritage and faith; he
28 took great joy in the growth and success of his nine children
29 and victories by his beloved Fighting Irish of Notre Dame;
30 and

31 WHEREAS, The passing of Owen N. Kane III will be deeply

1 felt by all who knew and loved him, especially his children,
2 Sheila (husband, Jim) Vertenten, Kathy Kane, Molly (husband,
3 Jeff) Roberts, Jim (wife, Mary) Kane, Owen Kane IV (wife,
4 Cindy Klingbeil), Patti (husband, Jim) Root, Nancy (husband,
5 David) Richards, and Kevin (wife, Patti) Kane; his twenty
6 grandchildren; his four great-grandchildren; and his sister,
7 Lucille LaNoue; therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-SECOND GENERAL
9 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn, along with
10 all who knew him, the death of Owen N. Kane III of Aurora,
11 Illinois; and be it further

12 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
13 presented to the family of Owen N. Kane III with our sincere
14 condolences.