

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 James Von Boeckman, who passed away on June 23, 2001; and

5 WHEREAS, James Von Boeckman served as an Illinois State
6 Representative for the 45th District from 1965 to 1966 and
7 from 1971 to 1981; during his tenure, he served as chairman
8 of the House Motor Vehicles Committee and later as executive
9 chairman of the Illinois Motor Vehicle Laws Commission; and

10 WHEREAS, James Von Boeckman was born on January 23, 1923
11 in Pekin, Illinois to Carl and Agnes Sipka Von Boeckman; and

12 WHEREAS, James Von Boeckman attended the University of
13 Illinois at Chicago and Massachusetts Institute of Technology
14 in Boston; and

15 WHEREAS, James Von Boeckman was a World War II Navy
16 veteran, attaining the rank of fireman 1st class; he was a
17 member of William Schaefer American Legion Post 44 and Pekin
18 AMVETS Post 235; and

19 WHEREAS, James Von Boeckman was a member of Pekin
20 Supervisors Club and the Pioneer Club of Corn Products Co.;
21 he served as a night superintendent and supervisor of new
22 construction for Corn Products Co. International for 38
23 years, retiring in 1985; in addition, he served as president,
24 secretary-treasurer, and shop steward for Oil, Chemical and
25 Atomic Workers Local 7662; and

26 WHEREAS, James Von Boeckman served as vice president of
27 the Peoria-Tazewell County Industrial Union Council CIO and
28 the Peoria-Tazewell County Labor Council AFL-CIO, serving as
29 chairman of the COPE Committee for both councils; and

30 WHEREAS, James Von Boeckman recently served on the

1 Tazewell County Board since 1999; he has also served as a
2 member of the County Board from 1959 to 1965, becoming
3 chairman in 1964; and

4 WHEREAS, James Von Boeckman also served as Tazewell
5 County deputy sheriff; and

6 WHEREAS, James Von Boeckman was a past member of the
7 Tri-County Planning Commission, the Pekin United Fund, the
8 Pekin Boys Club Board, the Pekin Planning and Zoning
9 Commission, and the board of directors of the Tazewell County
10 American Red Cross, where he was a 20-gallon donor; in
11 addition, he was a member of Eagles Aerie 1869, the Loyal
12 Order of the Moose Lodge 916, the Benevolent and Protective
13 Order of the Elks Lodge 1271, and a member of St. John's
14 Lutheran Church in Pekin, where he served as chairman of the
15 board; and

16 WHEREAS, In 1977, at the annual convention of the
17 Assembly of Government Employees, James Von Boeckman was
18 named one of the nation's top ten state lawmakers; in
19 addition, he received an award in recognition and
20 appreciation of his outstanding legislative service from the
21 Urban Counties Council of Illinois in 1980; and

22 WHEREAS, The passing of James Von Boeckman will be deeply
23 felt by all who knew and loved him, especially his wife of 60
24 years, Norma; his sons, James (wife, Vicki) and Steven (wife,
25 Jill); his daughters, Barbara (husband, Edward) Huber and
26 Bonnie (husband, Russell) Jarmusz; his sisters, Louise
27 (husband, Don) Ronvich and Carol Johnson; his 2
28 grandchildren; and his 14 great-grandchildren; therefore, be
29 it

30 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-SECOND GENERAL
31 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn, along with
32 all who knew him, the death of former Illinois State

1 Representative James Von Boeckman of Pekin, Illinois; and be
2 it further

3 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
4 presented to the family of James Von Boeckman with our
5 sincere condolences.