

## 1 SENATE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Senate of the State of  
3 Illinois were saddened to learn of the death of Watts Carey  
4 Johnson of Princeton on June 13, 2003; and

5 WHEREAS, Mr. Johnson was born on June 21, 1925; he  
6 graduated from Princeton High School, Western Michigan  
7 University, and Northwestern University School of Law; and

8 WHEREAS, Mr. Johnson joined the law firm of his father  
9 Carey R. Johnson and Senator Joseph R. Peterson; he retired  
10 from the law firm of Johnson, Martin, Russell, English, Scoma  
11 and Beneke, P.C., in 1995; he served as assistant state's  
12 attorney from 1957-1964, and as vice president of the Fifth  
13 District Bar Federation from 1963-1966; he was admitted to  
14 practice law in the United States Supreme Court; he served on  
15 the Illinois Supreme Court Rules Committee from 1977-1995; he  
16 also served at all levels of the Attorney Registration and  
17 Disciplinary Commission Inquiry Hearing and Review Panels and  
18 was the commissioner of the ARDC; and

19 WHEREAS, Mr. Johnson was a member and past president of  
20 the Bureau County Bar Association, the Illinois State Bar  
21 Association, the American College of Probate Counsel, the  
22 International Association of Insurance Counsel, the National  
23 Association of of Railroad Trial Counsel, the Illinois  
24 Defense Counsel, the Illinois Appellate Lawyers Association,  
25 and as a charter member of the Illinois Bar Foundation; he  
26 was president of the Princeton Jaycees in 1954, chairman of  
27 Bureau Valley Merit Commission from 1985-1988 and active on a  
28 national level with the Camp Fire Girls of America; he was  
29 listed in the 1994-1995 edition of the Who's Who in American  
30 Law; and

31 WHEREAS, For many years, he sang tenor in a barbershop  
32 quartet and directed the choir at the Baptist Church; a

1 member of the Elks Club Lodge, he once served as Chairman of  
2 the Bureau County Red Cross; he enjoyed traveling; and

3 WHEREAS, Mr. Watts Carey Johnson's passing will be deeply  
4 felt by many, especially his wife of more than 53 years,  
5 Claire Hayes Johnson; his twin brother, Calvin F. (Lillian)  
6 Johnson; his sister-in-law, Mrs. Maurice (Ann) Connor; his  
7 five children, Gregory (Michele) Johnson and their children  
8 Oliver, Gabriel, and Ariane; Philip Johnson; Mrs. Mark  
9 (Carolyn) Pihl and their children, Caitlin and Madison; Brian  
10 (Julie) Johnson and their children, Eli and Bowen; and  
11 Barbara Johnson; his nephews, Kevin Johnson and Neal (Jill)  
12 Connors; and his niece, Carey Johnson; therefore, be it

13 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-THIRD GENERAL  
14 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing  
15 of Watts Carey Johnson along with all who knew and loved him  
16 and extend our sincere condolences to his family and friends;  
17 and be it further

18 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
19 presented to the family of Watts Carey Johnson as an  
20 expression of our deepest sympathy.