1 SENATE RESOLUTION

- WHEREAS, The members of the Senate of the State of
- 3 Illinois learned with regret of the death of Randy Block on
- 4 October 3, 2003; and
- 5 WHEREAS, Mr. Block was born on February 24, 1953 in Grand
- 6 Rapids, Michigan; he graduated from Marmion Military Academy
- 7 in 1970 and Princeton University in 1974 with a major in
- 8 political science and a minor in physics; he received his law
- 9 degree from the University of Chicago in 1977; and
- 10 WHEREAS, Mr. Block enjoyed sports as a young man,
- 11 especially basketball and swimming; he liked to work on cars
- 12 as a hobby and enjoyed taking long drives on empty highways;
- 13 he was a talented musician and played every brass instrument
- 14 except the trombone and was learning how to play the woodwind
- instruments; and
- 16 WHEREAS, As a young, single professional, Mr. Block loved
- 17 living in Chicago, especially enjoying the ethnic diversity
- 18 he found in the food and music; he liked everything about
- 19 college sports and especially enjoyed the years he was the
- 20 Division III swimming coach at the University of Chicago; and
- 21 WHEREAS, Mr. Block loved being a lawyer and loved being a
- law professor at the University of Chicago; he was nationally
- 23 recognized with his published work that dealt with executive
- 24 privilege; and
- WHEREAS, Mr. Block's life dramatically changed 22 years
- 26 ago after a serious automobile accident; he lived his life
- 27 with dignity and continued to love his family, friends, and
- 28 caregivers; he served as an example of perseverance under
- 29 unbearable pain; and
- 30 WHEREAS, Mr. Block enjoyed western movies and had an
- 31 extensive baseball hat collection; the law and sports

- 1 continued to interest him; and
- WHEREAS, The passing of Mr. Block has been deeply felt by
- 3 many, especially his brothers, George, Edward, and Casey
- 4 (Charles), and his stepmother, Mary Block; he was preceded in
- 5 death by his father, Dr. George Block, and his mother,
- 6 Elizabeth; therefore, be it
- 7 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-THIRD GENERAL
- 8 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing
- 9 of Randy Block, and we extend our deepest sympathy to his
- 10 friends, family, and all who knew and loved him; and be it
- 11 further
- 12 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
- 13 presented to the family of Randy Block as an expression of
- 14 our sincere condolences.