



1 SENATE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate were deeply  
3 saddened to learn of the death of State Senator Stanley B.  
4 Weaver on November 11, 2003; and

5 WHEREAS, Stan devoted his life to public service for nearly  
6 45 years; and

7 WHEREAS, He served as Mayor of Urbana from May 1957 to  
8 January 1969; and

9 WHEREAS, He served in the Illinois Senate from 1970 to  
10 2002, after one term in the House of Representatives; and

11 WHEREAS, He was named to the newly-created position of  
12 Senate Majority Leader in 1997, after serving as Assistant  
13 Senate Leader for 22 years; and

14 WHEREAS, As a lawmaker, Stan's priorities were always those  
15 of the people he represented - quality education, agriculture,  
16 economic development, and conservation; and

17 WHEREAS, He was a strong advocate for the University of  
18 Illinois, helping it become one of the best institutions of  
19 higher education in the nation; and

20 WHEREAS, When Senator Weaver rose to speak in the Senate,  
21 people recognized his command of the issues - and listened; and

22 WHEREAS, He was well known for his skills in bringing  
23 people to the table, both to forge compromises in legislative  
24 stalemates and to play poker with his friends and colleagues  
25 after the work of the day was done; and

26 WHEREAS, Stan was held in the highest esteem by his

1 colleagues and constituents from both political parties; and

2 WHEREAS, Stan Weaver was the unquestioned dean of the  
3 Illinois Senate; and

4 WHEREAS, Stan Weaver was born May 23, 1925, in Harrisburg,  
5 graduated from Urbana public schools, attended Michigan State  
6 College and the University of Illinois, and graduated from the  
7 Indiana College of Mortuary Science; and

8 WHEREAS, He served in the Army Air Force during World War  
9 II in the Southwest Pacific Theater, earning five battle stars;  
10 and

11 WHEREAS, He was a member of the Air Force crew that flew  
12 peace delegates to Tokyo, Japan, to the ceremonies ending the  
13 war; and

14 WHEREAS, He was a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars  
15 and the American Legion; and

16 WHEREAS, He was a mortician by trade and owned the Weaver  
17 Memorial Chapel funeral home, later joining with the former  
18 Champaign County Coroner Tom Henderson to operate the  
19 Weaver-Henderson Funeral Home in Urbana; and

20 WHEREAS, During his tenure as Mayor of Urbana, a new city  
21 building and Lincoln Square, one of the first indoor shopping  
22 malls in downstate Illinois, were built; and

23 WHEREAS, He was past president of the Illinois Municipal  
24 League; and

25 WHEREAS, He earned the rare distinction of 33rd Degree  
26 Mason with his longtime service with the Masonic Lodge,  
27 Danville Consistory; and

1           WHEREAS, He was a 50-year member of the Mohammed Shrine in  
2 Peoria; and

3           WHEREAS, He was a member of the International Chili  
4 Society; and

5           WHEREAS, He was preceded in death by his beloved wife,  
6 Mary; and

7           WHEREAS, He is survived by his son, Blake; his daughter,  
8 Sherry; and two granddaughters, Lindsay and Jessica;  
9 therefore, be it

10           RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-THIRD GENERAL  
11 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the loss of  
12 Stan Weaver and his service to the State of Illinois, while at  
13 the same time celebrating his legacy of quiet, effective  
14 leadership and commitment to the greater good; and be it  
15 further

16           RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this preamble and  
17 resolution be presented to the children and grandchildren of  
18 our friend, Stan Weaver, with our sincere sympathies and our  
19 abiding respect, admiration, and love for their father and  
20 grandfather.