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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate were deeply
3 saddened to learn of the death of Charles Aronin Lippitz of
4 Evanston on July 1, 2004; and

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WHEREAS, Charles Aronin Lippitz was born on September 18,
6 1926, in Chicago; he received a bachelor's degree from the
7 University of Chicago and a law degree from the University of
8 Chicago Law School in 1951; and

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WHEREAS, Mr. Lippitz's professional accomplishments began
10 with a career in tax, estate planning, and trust law; he was a
11 partner in Levenfeld, Kanter, Baskes, and Lippitz; he served as
12 president of the Federal Bar Association (7th Circuit) for many
13 years and maintained a leadership position on the Chicago
14 Committee to Defend the Bill of Rights; and

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WHEREAS, In 1986, Mr. Lippitz left the practice of law to
16 become a film producer, winning the award for Best Family Film
17 at the 1994 Santa Clarita International Film Festival for his
18 feature "Season of Change"; he also worked with Zev Braun, a
19 West Coast film producer, on various film projects; in 1995,
20 Mr. Lippitz won an Emmy Award as executive producer of the PBS
21 television documentary, "Frank Yankovic: America's Polka
22 King"; he also served as vice president and a producer of
23 "Enter Here," a nationally distributed vocational videotape
24 series for high school students; and

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WHEREAS, More recently, Mr. Lippitz wrote plays, acted,
26 co-chaired Northlight Theatre's Open Door Ensemble, and served
27 as co-vice president of The Shakespeare Project of Chicago; his
28 play "Different Music" was performed at Circle Theatre's New
29 Plays Festival 2003; and

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WHEREAS, Mr. Lippitz was very active in the Evanston Fourth

1 of July Association; in 1983, he served as celebration manager
2 of the association, having served as fireworks chairman for
3 several years; and

4 WHEREAS, One of Mr. Lippitz's great joys was guiding and
5 mentoring young people seeking to make their mark in the world;
6 he passed on his passion and love for the arts to his children;
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8 WHEREAS, The passing of Charles Aronin Lippitz will be
9 deeply felt by many, especially his wife of 53 years, Rhita;
10 his daughters, Erica "Riki" Lippitz (John Schechter) and Lori
11 Lippitz (Marc) Chinitz; his son, Michael (Susan); his
12 grandchildren, Robin, Anna, Marc, Gabriel, Eliana, Lev, and
13 Kayla; his sister, Shari (Herbert) Rosen; and his extended
14 family members; therefore, be it

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

20 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
21 presented to the family of Charles Aronin Lippitz as an
22 expression of our deepest sympathy.