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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the House of Representatives of the State of Illinois learned with sadness of the death of DuPage County Board Vice Chair, John Noel of Glen Ellyn, on Friday, April 28, 2006; and

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WHEREAS, Mr. Noel was serving his second term as a Board Member for DuPage County, and had been Vice Chair of the DuPage County Board since 2005; he was first elected to office in 2000 and had served as Chairman of the Public Transit Committee and the Community Development Commission and had been a member of the Finance, Stormwater, Technology, and Transportation Committees; he was considered a regional leader and consensus builder on the issues of expanding public transportation; in 2005, he was recognized as the Intergovernmental Leader of the Year by the DuPage Mayors and Managers Conference; and

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WHEREAS, He is remembered as an excellent public servant, both thoughtful in his decision-making and progressive in his ideas; he had the respect of his peers because he was known as a strong, yet calm and caring voice on the Board; he worked to be a listener, consensus-builder, and a voice for positive change; he had a practical and reasoned approach to complicated issues and an unquestioned integrity and sense of decency; and

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WHEREAS, He will be especially missed in the area of public transportation; he worked with local leaders to fashion a credible county public transportation program, a first of its kind, and worked to bring State money for public transportation to his area; and

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WHEREAS, He practiced law at Noel and Associates, a firm that he founded in 1995, specializing in commercial litigation and business counseling; previously, he was vice president and associate general counsel for Waste Management of Oak Brook,

1 managing complex civil and criminal litigation; he also served  
2 as an officer at the law firm Chadwell and Kayser, Ltd., in  
3 Chicago; his legal career began at the Illinois Attorney  
4 General's Office, where he was Chief of the Antitrust Division;  
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6 WHEREAS, As a member of the Attorney General's office, Mr.  
7 Noel drafted the State's first criminal statute aimed at  
8 deterring computer fraud and theft of data; and

9 WHEREAS, Mr. Noel was also a partner in Century  
10 Philanthropy Group, a professional fundraising firm for  
11 non-profit organizations; and

12 WHEREAS, From 1992 to 2002, Mr. Noel served as a  
13 co-director of the capital building campaign for St. Petronille  
14 Church, where he was an active member; as a result of this  
15 multi-year effort, a long-range master plan for the parish  
16 campus was developed and \$8 Million was raised to renovate the  
17 school and portions of the church, and to construct a new  
18 Parish Life Center; he was an active supporter of capital  
19 projects for several area churches; as a result of his  
20 knowledge and experience, Bishop Joseph Imesch appointed him a  
21 member of the Council on Administration for the Diocese of  
22 Joliet; and

23 WHEREAS, He was a member of the American Bar Association,  
24 American Arbitration Association, Illinois State Bar  
25 Association, Chicago Bar Association, and DuPage County Bar  
26 Association; and

27 WHEREAS, Mr. Noel earned an A.B. degree from the University  
28 of Notre Dame and a J.D. degree from the Loyola University  
29 School of Law in Chicago; he completed coursework at  
30 Northeastern Illinois University and Dominican University for  
31 a teacher's certification; and

1           WHEREAS, Mr. Noel was a native of Chicago's Austin  
2 neighborhood and a graduate of Fenwick High School in Oak Park;  
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4           WHEREAS, Jazz and golf were lifelong passions for him; he  
5 was a longtime member of the Medinah Country Club, where he  
6 served as a walking scorer for Tiger Woods during the 1999 PGA  
7 Championship, which Tiger Woods won; and

8           WHEREAS, The passing of John Noel has been deeply felt by  
9 many, especially his sons, Benjamin and Matthew; his brother  
10 Melbourne Noel, Jr., and his wife, Sandra, and their four  
11 children, Emma, Anna, Melissa, and Rebecca; and his former  
12 wife, Sara; therefore, be it

13           RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
14 NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
15 we mourn the passing of John Noel, who served his constituents  
16 with honor, integrity, and distinction, and we extend our  
17 deepest sympathy to his family, friends, community, and all who  
18 knew and loved him; and be it further

19           RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
20 presented to his family as an expression of our sincerest  
21 condolences.