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HOUSE RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, It is with shock and great sadness that the members of the House of Representatives of the State of Illinois learned of the death of their friend and former colleague, Senator Robert A. Madigan of Lincoln, on Thursday, May 4, 2006; and

WHEREAS, Senator Madigan was born in Lincoln on November 28, 1942; he was married to Connie and was the father of two children; before beginning his legislative career, he served as City Clerk of Lincoln and Special Education teacher; and

WHEREAS, He served the people of Central Illinois with distinction for 14 years, from 1987 through 2001, and he served honorably as Chairman of the Senate Insurance and Pensions Committee and was a member of the Senate Committees on Licensed Activities and Agriculture and Conservation; and

WHEREAS, Senator Madigan's legislative accomplishments include sponsoring continuing appropriations for the five public employee pension systems, protecting the integrity of the retired teachers health insurance program, passing mandatory auto insurance, sponsoring the Conservation Enhancement Program, and providing leadership on proposals to diversify Illinois agriculture and boost the rural economy; and

WHEREAS, He served on the State Commission on Intergovernmental Cooperation, the Board of Directors of the Comprehensive Health Insurance Plan, and was Co-chairman of the Illinois Legislative Sportsmen's Caucus; and

WHEREAS, Bob Madigan received such honors as Guardian of Small Business from the National Federation of Independent Business, the Illinois Nurses Association Legislator of the Year, the Illinois Primary Health Care Association Legislator

1 Award, the Voice of Employers Award from the Management
2 Association of Illinois, the Illinois Optometric Legislator of
3 the Year, the Illinois Leadership Council for Agricultural
4 Excellence Award, and Friend of Agriculture from the Illinois
5 Farm Bureau; and

6 WHEREAS, He was a member of Holy Family Church in Lincoln,
7 the Knights of Columbus, Sons of the American Revolution, the
8 Elks, and the Eagles, and was a former trustee of Abraham
9 Lincoln Hospital and St. Clara's Manor; therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
11 NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
12 we mourn the passing of our former colleague, Senator Robert A.
13 Madigan, and we extend our sincerest condolences to his family,
14 friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it further

15 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
16 presented to his family as an expression of our deepest
17 sympathy during their time of bereavement.