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SENATE RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The members of the Senate of the State of Illinois learned with sadness of the death of John F. May of Decatur on Saturday, January 15, 2005; and

WHEREAS, He was born September 2, 1943, in Clinton to Frederick and Helen (Braman) May; he married Linda Downs on August 8, 1964, and he was a graduate of Millikin University; and

WHEREAS, Mr. May valiantly served his country as a member of the U.S. Army in Viet Nam; upon discharge, he returned to Decatur and began his accounting career; he founded the firm currently known as May, Cocagne, and King, P.C. with just one partner and a secretary; he served as the managing partner for over 30 years, and the company now has 27 members and was given the Outstanding Small Business of the Year award in 2000 by the Chamber of Commerce for Decatur and Macon County; and

WHEREAS, Throughout his life, Mr. May was a firm believer in both professional and community involvement, taking leadership roles in numerous organizations; in 2004, the Illinois CPA Society honored him with its Public Service Award; he was a past president of the Kiwanis Club and had been an officer and member of organizations ranging from the Decatur Jaycees to the Junior Achievement Association, the Red Cross and the Decatur-Macon County Mental Health Center; he was a past president of the Chamber of Commerce, a former chairman of the Small Business Council, and a member of the Millikin-Decatur Executive Association; and

WHEREAS, Mr. May is remembered by his friends and colleagues as a great person and a great leader who led by example; he was outgoing and people were attracted to him because of his personality and sense of caring; he was a man of

1 faith and courage; and

2 WHEREAS, The passing of John F. May has been deeply felt by
3 many, especially his wife, Linda; his daughter, Marci Baumann
4 and husband Steve; his son, Michael May and wife Michelle; his
5 grandchildren, Jenny and John Baumann, and Patrick, Lucas and
6 Anna May; his father, Frederick; and his sister, Carol Bray and
7 husband Dennis; he was preceded in death by his mother, Helen,
8 and his brother, David Michael May; therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL
10 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
11 John F. May, and we extend our deepest sympathy to his family,
12 friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it further

13 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
14 presented to his family as an expression of our sincere
15 condolences.