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SENATE RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The members of the Senate of the State of Illinois learned with sadness of the death of Robert E. "Bob" Becker Sr. of Belleville on July 20, 2005; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Becker was born December 18, 1940, in East St. Louis; he received his undergraduate and law degrees from St. Louis University and was licensed to practice law in both Illinois and Missouri; and

WHEREAS, He served as an Assistant Attorney General for the State of Illinois for over 20 years; he also served as an Assistant State's Attorney for St. Clair County, acting as the Civil Attorney and handling eminent domain matters; he was the City Attorney for the City of Fairview Heights; he was the legal counsel for Southwestern Illinois College, East St. Louis School District 189, Cahokia School District 187, Bi-State Airport, and the City of East St. Louis; he served as legal counsel for the Illinois County Insurance Trust, representing the counties of Bond, Christian, Clinton, Cumberland, Edwards, Jersey, Monroe, and Randolph; he also served as attorney for four unions: Laborers Local 100, East St. Louis; Laborers Local 397, Granite City; Laborers Local 670, O'Fallon; and Operating Engineers Local 148; and

WHEREAS, He was a member of the East St. Louis Bar Association (President, 1978-79; Director, 1973-74) and the St. Clair County Bar Association (President, 1985-86; Director, 1972-74); he was affiliated with the Illinois State, Missouri, and American Bar Association; he was a Board Member for the Illinois Equal Justice Foundation and served as Vice President for the Illinois Institute for Local Government Law; he was a member of the Illinois Municipal League Home Rule Committee; he was also affiliated with the Association of Trial Lawyers of America and the Illinois Trial Lawyers Association;

1 and

2 WHEREAS, He was preceded in death by his parents, Ervin P.  
3 and Marie A., nee Sekosky, Becker; and

4 WHEREAS, The passing of Robert Becker is felt by all who  
5 knew and loved him, especially his wife, Mary Lynn, nee Maher,  
6 Becker; his children, Robert E. (Tara) Becker Jr., Katie (Matt)  
7 Hoffman, and Fran (Tim) Myatt; his grandchildren, Addie, Will,  
8 Kelsey, and Brockton; a special friend, Beverly Fiss; and his  
9 beloved pets, Elsa, Cooper, Buddy, Lois, Calvin, and Martha;  
10 therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL  
12 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we express our deepest  
13 regret at the passing of Robert Becker and extend to his  
14 family, friends, and community our most sincere condolences;  
15 and be it further

16 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
17 presented to his family as an expression of our heartfelt  
18 sympathy.