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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate wish to express their sincere condolences to the family and friends of Richard H. Rokop, Sr. of Aurora, who passed away on February 12, 2006; and

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WHEREAS, Richard Rokop, Sr. was born on June 11, 1941 to Joseph and Margaret Rokop; and

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WHEREAS, He was the head of Aurora's downtown development, director of the Buildings and Permits Department, deputy director of parks and recreation, a member of the Metro Water Reclamation District Board of Trustees, and a Kane county Republican Treasurer; and

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WHEREAS, Mr. Rokop was known for his enthusiasm for high school sports; after being a teenage athlete, he became active as a referee and umpire, until knee problems prevented him from running up and down the court or field; in 1993, he was inducted into the Illinois Basketball Coaches Association Hall of Fame as an official; and

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WHEREAS, Mr. Rokop was an active member in his community; he was a member of Holy Angels Parish, the Lions Club, and the Phoenix Club; and

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WHEREAS, The passing of Richard H. Rokop, Sr. will be felt by all who knew and loved him, especially his wife, Jeanne (Skiba) Rokop; his sons, Richard (Lynette) Rokop, Jr., Michael (Stephanie) Rokop and their children, Zachary, Laura, and Jacob, Daniel (Erica) Rokop and their children, Tyler and Payton; his brother, Donald (Susan) Rokop; his niece, Kathy Rokop; his nephew, Jimmy (Kristin) Rokop and their children Madeline and Sofia; his nephew, Tom Rokop; his sister, Patricia (Thomas) Schnick; his nephew, Todd (Maribeth) Schnick; his

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1 sister, Peggy (Melvin) Gould; his nephew, Kevin (Maggie) Gould
2 and their children, Sebastian and Garrett; his niece, Heather
3 (Andrew II) Robertson and their children Drew and Brooke; his
4 nephew, Eric Gould; his brother, Dennis (Charlene) Rokop; his
5 niece, Kristine Rokop; his nephew, Joseph Rokop; Judy Rokop,
6 (the mother of Richard Jr., Michael, and Daniel); his father
7 and mother-in-law, Michael (Patricia) Skiba; and his brothers
8 and sisters-in-law, Bill (Joanie) Lawler, their daughter,
9 Cathy Pfeifer-Lawler, and Brad (Janice) Westrom and their
10 children, Abby and Kelly Westrom; he was preceded in death by
11 his parents; therefore, be it

12 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL
13 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn, along with
14 all who knew and loved him, the death of Richard H. Rokop, Sr.;
15 and be it further

16 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
17 presented to the family of Richard H. Rokop, Sr. along with our
18 sincere condolences.