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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate are saddened to learn of the death of Virgil Boucher of Peoria, who passed away on August 8, 2007; and

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WHEREAS, Virgil Boucher was born on October 25, 1909 in Murphysboro; his parents were John S. and Rachel Lyerla Boucher; he married Estella Bagley on August 8, 1937 in Murphysboro; and

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WHEREAS, Virgil Boucher graduated from Monmouth College with a bachelor's degree in mathematics and chemistry; he earned a master's degree from the University of Iowa in health, physical education, and recreation and a master's degree from Bradley University in guidance and counseling; and

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WHEREAS, Virgil Boucher taught for 43 years in Illinois high schools; he was head football coach at Woodruff High School in Peoria for 20 years and served 10 years as a visiting counselor; and he was coordinator of a program for crime prevention and support for senior victims of crime; and

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WHEREAS, Virgil Boucher was a member and held various offices in many community organizations; he was a member of the Kiwanis Club of Peoria, the Tri-County Heart Association, the

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1 Illinois Affiliate Chapter of the American Heart Board, Peoria
2 County Precinct Committeeman, the Congressional Awards
3 Committee, the Peoria Area Retired Teachers Association, the
4 Illinois Retired Teachers Association, the Forrest Hill United
5 Methodist Church of Peoria, Retired Senior Volunteer Program,
6 the Monmouth College Alumni Board, the Illinois Lieutenant
7 Governor's Legislative Forum, Methodist Hospital Older Adults
8 Advisory Board, and the Sigma Phi Epsilon Fraternity; he also
9 served as Director of the Court Counseling Program for Peoria
10 County and served as a Woodruff High School Key Club advisor;
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12 WHEREAS, Virgil Boucher received many accolades for his
13 public service; he was the recipient of the Tom Connor Award
14 for Volunteer Community Service, the Raymond A. Blunt Award for
15 Outstanding Service to Key Clubs in the Illinois-Eastern Iowa
16 District, and the Kiwanis Luis Amados Award; he had also been
17 honored by the Illinois High Schools Football Coaches' Hall of
18 Fame, the Monmouth College Graduate M Club Hall of Fame, the
19 Woodruff High School Hall of Fame, and the Greater Peoria
20 Sports Hall of Fame; and

21 WHEREAS, Virgil Boucher served three terms on the Federal
22 Council on Aging and attended three White House conferences on
23 aging for the Council; and

1 WHEREAS, Virgil Boucher was preceded in death by his wife;
2 his daughter, Judith Chamberlain; and his brothers and sisters;
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4 WHEREAS, Virgil Boucher is survived by several nieces and
5 nephews; therefore, be it

6 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-FIFTH GENERAL
7 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn, along with
8 his family and friends, the passing of Virgil Boucher; and be
9 it further

10 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
11 presented to the family of Virgil Boucher as an expression of
12 our sympathy.