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1 SENATE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate are saddened to  
3 learn of the death of Robert J. Cook of Macomb, who passed away  
4 on May 22, 2008; and

5 WHEREAS, Robert was born on May 26, 1937; and

6 WHEREAS, Robert earned his bachelor's degree in Political  
7 Science and his master's degree in Public School Administration  
8 from Truman State University and his Ph.D. in Educational  
9 Administration from St. Louis University; and

10 WHEREAS, Robert had a long and distinguished career in  
11 education; he served as a classroom teacher and public school  
12 administrator in both rural Missouri and suburban St. Louis,  
13 continuing in his career to supervise student teachers and  
14 teach educational administration courses at Western Illinois  
15 University for 35 years; and

16 WHEREAS, Robert also pursued education outside of the  
17 classroom, serving as state president of the University  
18 Division of the Illinois Education Administration, state  
19 president of the Illinois Association of Teacher Educators,  
20 Western Illinois University's faculty representative to the  
21 Illinois Board of Higher Education, president of the Faculty

1 Council of the College of Education, and Secretary of the  
2 Western Illinois University Board of Trustees; and

3 WHEREAS, Robert actively served his community; he was  
4 president of the McDonough County Labor Council, chairman of  
5 the McDonough County Democratic Central Committee, a 32nd  
6 Degree Mason, a Paul Harris Fellow, and a Rotarian; and

7 WHEREAS, Robert was active in his church, serving as  
8 president of the Fellheimer Trust Committee of the Wesley  
9 United Methodist Church and as president of the Board of  
10 Directors of the Wesley Foundation at Western Illinois  
11 University; and

12 WHEREAS, Robert was the beloved husband of Evelyn; the  
13 loving father of Joe and Amy; the devoted son of the late  
14 Robert L. and Josephine Smith Cook; and the fond friend of  
15 many; therefore, be it

16 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-FIFTH GENERAL  
17 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn, along with  
18 his family and friends, the passing of Robert J. Cook; and be  
19 it further

20 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
21 presented to the family of Robert J. Cook as an expression of

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1 our sympathy.