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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 Clinton Craig Atkins of Naples, Florida, formerly of Champaign, who passed away on April 24, 2011; and

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WHEREAS, Clinton Atkins was born on June 12, 1945, in Sewickley, Pennsylvania; he was the son of Clinton Paul and Maxine Long Atkins; he married Susan A. Stitt on November 2, 1963; and

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WHEREAS, Clinton Atkins received his high school diploma from Champaign Central High School in 1963; he subsequently attended the University of Illinois; and

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WHEREAS, Clinton Atkins began working at The News-Gazette in Champaign in 1964 in the circulation department; he enjoyed working with the youth of the community and the departments to get the paper out on time; after retiring at the age of 30, he had acquired several properties in Champaign and the surrounding communities; and

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WHEREAS, Clinton Atkins returned to work in 1981, when he acquired the Westgate Apartments and the chain of liquor stores in the Twin Cities; he subsequently acquired Tower Hobbies, Herr's, Great Plains, numerous warehouses, and other real

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1 estate; he was also the co-founder of the Plastic Container
2 Corporation; in the 1990s, he developed North Prospect Avenue,
3 including Baytowne Apartments, the Square, and the Shoppes; ten
4 years later, he developed the Stone Creek Golf Course,
5 Subdivision, Commons, and Shoppes in southeast Urbana; and

6 WHEREAS, Clinton Atkins' desire was to make
7 Champaign-Urbana the best it could be through creating jobs,
8 providing housing, philanthropy through various charities, and
9 promoting the arts, education, and athletics at the University
10 of Illinois; and

11 WHEREAS, Clinton Atkins was preceded in death by his
12 parents, Clinton Paul and Maxine L. Atkins; his grandson, Zane;
13 and his nephew, Clinton Paul; and

14 WHEREAS, Clinton Atkins is survived by his loving wife,
15 Susie; his children, Suzette (Michael) Hogan, C. Todd (Julia)
16 Atkins, and Spencer (Tracy) Atkins; his grandchildren, Amber
17 (Travis) Geraldts, Kathryne, Emily, Nolan, Alexis, Spencer Von,
18 Olivia, Victoria, Isabella, and George; his brother, Vincent
19 (Inge) Atkins; his sister, Mary (Ivan) Hassinger; his
20 sister-in-law, Donna Harris; and his many loving nieces and
21 nephews and their families; therefore, be it

22 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL

1 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn, along with
2 his family and friends, the death of Clinton Craig Atkins; and
3 be it further

4 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
5 presented to the family of Clinton Atkins as an expression of
6 our sympathy.