

1 SENATE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Senate of the State of
3 Illinois mourn the recent passing of Daniel W. Snyder Sr. of
4 Blue Island at the age of 101; and

5 WHEREAS, Mr. Snyder was the oldest living native son of
6 Blue Island; he lived on his own in the same house his
7 parents had built; he was one of eight children; and

8 WHEREAS, As a young boy, he made a telegraph machine that
9 allowed him to receive news from around the world; he went to
10 work with his father, John, at the Highland Iron and Steel
11 Company, and by the time he was 18 he was considered a
12 specialist and earned the rank of chief engineer for the
13 company;

14 WHEREAS, After the steel mills in the area began
15 relocating, he decided to go into business for himself; he
16 opened Dan's ice cream and hamburger shop in Blue Island; he
17 later operated Snyder Foods which was a wholesale outlet for
18 restaurants; and

19 WHEREAS, In 1926, he married his childhood sweetheart,
20 Gerta; they were married 68 years before her passing in 1994;
21 and

22 WHEREAS, After his retirement, he spent a lot of time
23 fishing which prompted him and five other men to purchase a
24 small clay hole in the Village of Dolton; the fishing hole
25 soon became known as Piscateer Lake; and the men became the
26 founders of a private fishing club known as the Piscateers
27 which is still in operation today; and

28 WHEREAS, His secret to living a long life was being a
29 good son, a good husband, a good father, and always striving
30 to be a good man; and

1 WHEREAS, His passing will be deeply felt by all his
2 friends and family, especially his son, Daniel W. Jr.
3 (Sonya); and his grandchildren, Daniel W. III and Grant R.;
4 therefore, be it

5 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-SECOND GENERAL
6 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing
7 of Daniel W. Snyder Sr., along with all who knew and loved
8 him and extend our sincere condolences to his family and
9 friends; and be it further

10 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
11 presented to the family of Daniel W. Snyder Sr.