

1 SENATE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate are saddened
3 to learn of the death of Thomas Cekay, technology editor in
4 the Chicago Tribune business department, who passed away on
5 March 11, 2001; and

6 WHEREAS, Thomas Cekay was raised in Mundelein; he
7 attended St. Vincent de Paul High School in Lemont, a
8 Catholic preparatory seminary; he received a Bachelor's
9 degree from Loyola University in English literature and a
10 Master's degree in journalism from Northern Illinois
11 University; and

12 WHEREAS, Thomas Cekay and his wife, Luann Zanzola, met
13 while they were working together on Loyola's student
14 newspaper; they moved to Portland, Oregon, where he worked as
15 a copy editor and freelance writer for the Oregonian; while
16 in Portland, Mr. Cekay wrote several magazine articles on
17 small fishing villages along the Columbia River in Oregon;
18 and

19 WHEREAS, Thomas Cekay worked on the copy desk at the
20 Dayton Journal Herald in Dayton, Ohio before returning to the
21 Chicago Tribune in 1983 as a copy editor; he had first worked
22 for the Chicago Tribune in 1976, working as a reporter for
23 the Suburban Tribune in Oak Brook; and

24 WHEREAS, Thomas Cekay received the Tribune's Johnrae Earl
25 Award for excellence in editing in 1986; he helped edit "The
26 American Millstone" series; the program won a Robert F.
27 Kennedy Journalism Award for outstanding coverage of problems
28 faced by the disadvantaged; Mr. Cekay is also regarded for
29 launching the Internet division of the newspaper; and

30 WHEREAS, Thomas Cekay was a devoted husband and father;
31 he coached youth baseball and soccer teams, and took part in

1 Boy Scout activities; and

2 WHEREAS, The passing of Thomas Cekay will be deeply felt
3 by all that knew and loved him, especially his wife, Luann;
4 his children, Anthony and Nathaniel; his parents, Robert and
5 Rita; his brothers, Robert, Daniel, John, and Patrick; and
6 his sisters, Maureen Appleton and Mary Eileen Allen;
7 therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-SECOND GENERAL
9 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn, along with
10 his many loved ones, the death of Thomas Cekay of St.
11 Charles; and be it further

12 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
13 presented to the family of Thomas Cekay.