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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate wish to express their sincere condolences to the family and friends of Maynard C. Becker of Mount Olive, Illinois, who passed away on October 6, 2001; and

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WHEREAS, Maynard C. Becker was born on March 28, 1914 in Mount Olive to Edward Herman and Minnie Keune Becker; he married Elizabeth Jane Potts in 1939 in Huntington, West Virginia; and

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WHEREAS, Mr. Becker attended Mount Olive Grade School and graduated from Mount Olive High School in 1931; he attended the University of Illinois and transferred to Millikin University, where he graduated in 1935; he received his mortuary degree from Hohenschuh-Carpenter College of Embalming in St. Louis; and

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WHEREAS, In 1938, Mr. Becker opened a funeral home in Taylorville along with his partner, Wilbert Ross; in 1940, they sold the Taylorville funeral home and opened Ross and Becker Funeral Home in Litchfield; in 1949, Mr. Becker left Litchfield to join his father at Becker and Son Funeral Home; in addition, he drove an ambulance at all three locations for more than 40 years; and

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WHEREAS, Mr. Becker was a life member of the Zion Lutheran Church in Mount Olive, the first president of the Mount Olive Ambulance Association, the current president of the Mount Olive Cemetery Board, a former exalted ruler of the Litchfield Elks Club, a life member of the Mount Olive Turner Hall, and a member for more than 60 years of the National and Illinois Funeral Directors' Association; and

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WHEREAS, The passing of Maynard C. Becker will be deeply felt by all who knew and loved him, especially his wife,

1 Elizabeth; his daughters, Jane Becker and Judy (husband, Ken)
2 Hinkley; his son, Ed (wife, Shelley) Becker; his 8
3 grandchildren; his 10 great-grandchildren; and his brother,
4 Dr. Vernon (wife, Bettye) Becker; therefore, be it

5 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-SECOND GENERAL
6 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn, along with
7 all who knew him, the death of Maynard C. Becker of Mount
8 Olive, Illinois; and be it further

9 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
10 presented to the family of Maynard C. Becker with our sincere
11 condolences.