

## 1 SENATE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate express their  
3 sympathies to the family and friends of Ralph W. Swank of  
4 Lindenhurst, who passed away January 25, 2002; and

5 WHEREAS, Mr. Swank was born October 29, 1923, in Kenosha,  
6 Wisconsin to Lester and Jessie Swank; he graduated from  
7 DePauw University in Greencastle, Indiana, and served as a  
8 Lieutenant with the US Army Air Corps in England and France  
9 during World War II; and

10 WHEREAS, After attending John Marshall Law School, he  
11 joined his father in business in 1953 at the Swank Insurance  
12 Agency, serving as President and Chairman from 1971-2001; in  
13 1979, Mr. Swank founded Statewide Insurance Company, where he  
14 continued as Chairman of the Board until his death; and

15 WHEREAS, Mr. Swank was a life-long Waukegan resident,  
16 serving as an alderman, on the Waukegan Housing Authority,  
17 and on the Waukegan Grade School Board; he was a life member  
18 of the Waukegan Yacht Club, a member of the Glen Flora  
19 Country Club, and a member and past president of the Waukegan  
20 Exchange Club; Mr. Swank was also a member of the First  
21 United Methodist Church of Waukegan; and

22 WHEREAS, Mr. Swank will be deeply missed by his friends  
23 and family, especially his wife of 55 years, Mildred; his  
24 brother, Dr. Lee Swank; his sons, Ralph Jr. (Betsy), Bryan  
25 (Mary), Wayne (Sheila), Jay (Betty), Rodrick (Alice), Darryl  
26 (Kim) and Stuart (Annette); his daughters, Susan Martin and  
27 Marianne; and his 18 grandchildren and one great-grandson;  
28 therefore, be it

29 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-SECOND GENERAL  
30 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the death of  
31 Ralph W. Swank and extend our sincere condolences to his

1 friends and family; and be it further

2 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be sent

3 to his wife, Mildred Swank.