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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 John Wesley Fribley of Pana, who passed away March 20, 2002; and

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WHEREAS, Mr. Fribley was born August 3, 1906, in Assumption, the son of Wesley D. and Clara Belle Storey Fribley; he went to Dunkel Rural School, Assumption High School, Illinois Wesleyan University, and the College of Law at the University of Illinois; Mr. Fribley graduated and was admitted to practice law in 1930; and

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WHEREAS, Mr. Fribley was a lawyer for 50 years, serving in state and federal courts from his offices in Pana, until he retired in 1987; a number of lawyers worked for him, including his son, Joseph L. Fribley, and George J. LaCharite, David Duez, James L. Profitt, John P. Coady (now a circuit judge), Thomas W. Lacy, and George P. Consoer; and

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WHEREAS, A Democrat, Mr. Fribley was an Illinois State Senator from 1934-1952, representing the 40th Senate District, originally composed of Christian, Shelby, Fayette, and Cumberland counties; he helped investigate the Centralia mine disaster and was co-sponsor of the Illinois Mine Safety Law; Mr. Fribley sponsored the Fame-to-Market Road Law, which aided rural townships in the construction of township roads; and

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WHEREAS, Mr. Fribley was a Downstate floor leader for then-Governor Adlai E. Stevenson and was responsible for many major acts of legislation during his long career there; one of Mr. Fribley's finest memories was evidenced by a picture of Governor Stevenson, autographed with the personal note, "To John Fribley, a dear friend and good man in a storm!"; and

1           WHEREAS, Mr. Fribley was a major organizer of Peoples  
2 Bank of Pana and was city attorney for Pana; he was a member  
3 of United Presbyterian Church, Pana Masonic Lodge 226, AF &  
4 AM, Ansar Shrine and Pana Rotary Club; and

5           WHEREAS, John Fribley married Marian E. Little on April  
6 21, 1931, in Rosamond; she preceded him in death July 30,  
7 1997; and

8           WHEREAS, Mr. Fribley will be deeply missed by all those  
9 who knew him and loved him, especially his son, Joseph L.  
10 (Carolyn); his daughter Judith A.; his grandchildren, Scott  
11 W., Susan K. Fribley Rae, and Valerie A. Fribley Barnes; his  
12 great-grandsons, John G., Cameron M., and Gavin J. Rae; and  
13 his great-granddaughter, Morgan M. Barnes; therefore, be it

14           RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-SECOND GENERAL  
15 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn, along with  
16 his family and friends, the death of John Wesley Fribley of  
17 Pana; and be it further

18           RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
19 presented to the family of John Wesley Fribley with our  
20 sincere condolences.