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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate wish to express their sincerest condolences to the family and friends of John W. Clark of Macon, who passed away on July 3, 2002; and

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WHEREAS, John W. Clark was born on March 24, 1939, in Willow Grove, Tennessee, the son of John William and Tula L. Clark; he married Margaret Ann "Peggy" Brachear on December 14, 1961, in Riverton; and

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WHEREAS, Mr. Clark worked in the family construction company and developed an interest in and love for engineering and construction; he was a graduate of Tennessee Technological University in 1961 and began his career after graduation with the Illinois Division of Highways in the District Six office in Springfield; he then served with the Army Corps of Engineers in Vicksburg, Mississippi from 1962 to 1964 as a soils specialist; he returned to District Six of the Illinois Division of Highways in 1964 for six months before transferring to the Bridge Office and serving as CE III until 1968; from 1968 to 1974 he worked for two consultants performing building and bridge design using concrete, steel, and wood; and

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WHEREAS, Mr. Clark served as a Project Manager, structural engineer, and partner with Homer L. Chastain & Associates; he was especially proud of being awarded a prize for the Special Purpose category by the American Institute of Steel Construction in 1982 for his design of the Galena River Pedestrian Bridge in Galena, Illinois; in addition, he served as Project Manager for the Central Tri-State Improvement for the Illinois State Toll Highway Authority where he managed the rehabilitation of two miles of the Tri-State Tollway that included two major interchanges and five structures; this

1 project earned both an Honor Award and the most prestigious
2 award presented by the Consulting Engineers Council of
3 Illinois, the Eminent Conceptor Award, in 1994; and

4 WHEREAS, Mr. Clark was a former board member of the
5 Structural Engineers Association of Illinois and a member of
6 the American Society of Civil Engineers, the National Society
7 of Professional Engineers, the American Concrete Institute
8 and the American Institute of Steel Construction; he was a
9 member of Morningside Church of Christ; and

10 WHEREAS, The passing of John W. Clark will be deeply felt
11 by all who knew and loved him, especially his wife of 40
12 years, Margaret; his daughters, Gail (husband, Tyler)
13 Strickler, and Jana (husband, Daniel) Caldwell; his son, John
14 Craig (wife, Krista) Clark; his mother, Tula Clark; his
15 sisters, Betty (husband, Bruce) Dudley and Patricia Raitt
16 (husband Joe Bairian); his brother, Charles (wife, Mary)
17 Clark; his grandchildren, Marissa and Nicholas Strickler,
18 Evan, Patrick, and Ashlyn Caldwell, and Brandon Clark; and
19 his several nieces and nephews; therefore, be it

20 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-SECOND GENERAL
21 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn, along with
22 all who knew him, the death of John W. Clark of Macon; and be
23 it further

24 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
25 presented to the family of John W. Clark with our sincere
26 condolences.