

1 SENATE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois State Senate were
3 saddened to learn of the death of former St. Clair County
4 Circuit Judge Jerome Francis Lopinot on Saturday,
5 September 28, 2002; and

6 WHEREAS, He was born March 29, 1925 in East St. Louis,
7 the son of Frank E. and Rose (Jerome) Lopinot; he was a
8 graduate of Central Catholic High School in East St. Louis
9 and Shurtleff College in Alton; in 1950 he graduated from St.
10 Louis University Law School; he was preceded in death by his
11 wife, Mary P. (Darmody) Lopinot; and

12 WHEREAS, Jerome Lopinot was a U.S. Navy World War II
13 veteran; he served in the Pacific Theater in the 98th
14 Construction Battalion SeaBees; and

15 WHEREAS, Mr. Lopinot was a prominent lawyer in Cahokia
16 and East St. Louis; for over 30 years he served as an
17 assistant state's attorney for St. Clair County and assistant
18 attorney general for the State of Illinois; he was a St.
19 Clair County associate circuit judge from 1988 to 1989 and
20 circuit judge from 1989 until his retirement in 1998; and

21 WHEREAS, He was a fourth-degree member of the Knights of
22 Columbus, Leo Jerome Assembly in Cahokia, and past grand
23 knight of the Knights of Columbus 4596 of Cahokia; senior
24 counselor of the St. Clair County Bar Association; a member
25 of the Illinois Judges Association, the American Bar
26 Association, the Illinois State Bar Association, the East St.
27 Louis Bar Association, the Cahokia Tricentennial Commission,
28 the Friends of the Cahokia Public Library District, the
29 American Legion Post 784, the Centreville Men's Club, and the
30 Kiwanis Club, the Cahokia Democratic Club, and the
31 LaGuinannee Singers; he was a charter member of the Cahokia
32 Optimist Club; and

1 WHEREAS, He was a member of one of the oldest families in
2 St. Clair County and spent his lifetime studying and
3 promoting the French heritage of Southern Illinois; he served
4 as historian of the Cahokia Tricentennial Commission and was
5 published as "The Ol' Timer" in vignettes about old Cahokia
6 in the Cahokia Herald; he had long established contact with
7 family in France and was planning a trip to Trinidad and
8 Tobago as part of an archaeological study of Lopinots there;
9 and

10 WHEREAS, His passing will be deeply felt by his family
11 and friends, especially his children, Vincent J. (Connie)
12 Lopinot, Joseph F. (Mary Greteman) Lopinot, M. Loretta
13 (Russell K. Scott) Lopinot, and M. Annette Lopinot; his
14 sisters, Faye Graham and Virginia (Forrest) DeRanek; his
15 grandchildren Andrew and Lucy Lopinot; and many family and
16 friends; therefore, be it

17 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-SECOND GENERAL
18 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we note with sorrow
19 and regret the death of Judge Jerome Francis Lopinot and
20 extend our sincere condolences to his family and friends; and
21 be it further

22 RESOLVED, that a suitable copy of this resolution be
23 presented to the family of Jerome Francis Lopinot.