



STATE OF ILLINOIS
NINETY-SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY
SENATE

Senate Resolution No. 498

Offered by Senator O'Malley and Senator Philip, President of the Senate; and Senators Bomke, Bowles, Brady, Burzynski, Clayborne, Cronin, Cullerton, DeLeo, del Valle, Demuzio, Dillard, Donahue, Geo-Karis, Halvorson, Hawkinson, Hendon, Jacobs, E. Jones, W. Jones, Karpiel, Klemm, Lauzen, Lightford, Link, Luechtefeld, Madigan, Mahar, Molaro, Munoz, Myers, Noland, Obama, O'Daniel, O'Shea, Parker, Peterson, Petka, Radogno, Rauschenberger, Ronen, Roskam, Rupley, Shadid, Shaw, Sieben, Silverstein, Smith, Stone, Sullivan, Syverson, Trotter, Viverito, Walsh, Watson, Weaver, Welch and Woolard.

WHEREAS, The Members of the Illinois Senate wish to express their sincerest condolences to the family and friends of Alexander Magnus, who passed away on August 20, 2002; and

WHEREAS, Born in 1926, Alexander Magnus was a self-made, successful businessman and the President of Manteks Corporation, based in Arlington Heights; he had a degree in engineering from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and distinguished himself in service to his country as a paratrooper during World War II; and

WHEREAS, In addition to being the guiding force behind a prosperous business, Mr. Magnus was known to be a philanthropist, donating substantial sums of money to worthwhile causes; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Magnus was especially concerned with the plight of Christians in the southern Sudan who were the victims of relentless attacks from the government in Khartoum; he played a significant role in bringing attention to the misery suffered by tens of thousands in the southern Sudan through his support for international organizations dedicated to bringing relief to the area; and

WHEREAS, Much of the southern Sudanese living in the region either had their homes destroyed, were murdered, or were sold into slavery; because of Mr. Magnus' efforts, the United States Congress is currently holding hearings concerning the plight of the southern Sudanese and, in part due to his efforts, a cease-fire has been called in the region; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Magnus was a great man who did his work in relative anonymity; he was a true champion of the underdog with a heart of gold; and

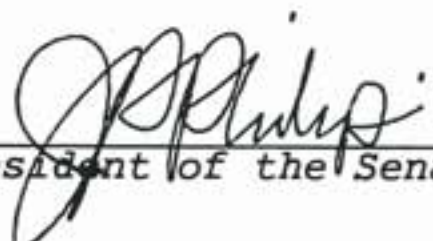
WHEREAS, Mr. Magnus believed that knowledge was the strongest tool that one could use to bring about change; he dedicated his life to this philosophy, as seen in his philanthropist efforts throughout the world; and

WHEREAS, The passing of Alexander Magnus will be deeply felt by all who knew and loved him, especially his wife, Maria; his children, Victoria, Mark, Kendis, Nina, Alex III, and Taissa; his grandchildren, Melissa, Anna, Sara, and Joseph; and his brother, Edward; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn, along with all who knew him, the death of Alexander Magnus, of Arlington Heights; and be it further

RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this preamble and resolution be presented to the family of Alexander Magnus with our sincere condolences.

Adopted by the Senate, November 21, 2002.


President of the Senate


Secretary of the Senate