

108TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

# S. RES. 281

Relative to the death of the Honorable Paul Simon, a former Senator from the State of Illinois.

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

DECEMBER 9, 2003

Mr. FITZGERALD (for himself, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. FRIST, Mr. DASCHLE, and Mr. DEWINE) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to

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## RESOLUTION

Relative to the death of the Honorable Paul Simon, a former Senator from the State of Illinois.

Whereas the Honorable Paul Simon at the age of 19 became the nation's youngest editor-publisher when he accepted a Lion's Club challenge to save the Troy Tribune in Troy, Illinois, and built a chain of 13 newspapers in southern and central Illinois;

Whereas the Honorable Paul Simon used his newspaper to expose criminal activities, and in 1951, at age 22, was called as a key witness to testify before the U.S. Senate's Crime Investigating Committee;

Whereas the Honorable Paul Simon served in the Illinois legislature for 14 years, winning the Independent Voters of Illinois' "Best Legislator Award" every session;

Whereas the Honorable Paul Simon was elected lieutenant governor in 1968 and was the first in Illinois' history to be elected to that post with a governor of another party;

Whereas the Honorable Paul Simon served Illinois in the United States House of Representatives and the United States Senate with devotion and distinction;

Whereas the Honorable Paul Simon is the only individual to have served in both the Illinois House of Representatives and the Illinois Senate, and the U.S. House of Representatives and U.S. Senate;

Whereas the Honorable Paul Simon was the founder and director of the Public Policy Institute at Southern Illinois University in Carbondale, Illinois, and taught there for more than six years in the service of the youth of our Nation;

Whereas the Honorable Paul Simon wrote over 20 books and held over 50 honorary degrees;

Whereas the Honorable Paul Simon was an unapologetic champion of the less fortunate and a constant example of caring and honesty in public service;

Whereas his efforts on behalf of Illinoisans and all Americans earned him the esteem and high regard of his colleagues; and

Whereas his tragic death has deprived his State and Nation of an outstanding lawmaker and public servant: Now, therefore, be it

1       *Resolved*, That the Senate has heard with profound  
2 sorrow and deep regret the announcement of the death  
3 of the Honorable Paul Simon, a former Senator from the  
4 State of Illinois.

1       *Resolved*, That the Secretary of the Senate commu-  
2 nicate these resolutions to the House of Representatives  
3 and transmit an enrolled copy thereof to the family of the  
4 deceased.

5       *Resolved*, That when the Senate adjourns today, it  
6 stand adjourned as a further mark of respect to the mem-  
7 ory of the deceased former Senator.

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