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## **Statement from Governor Pat Quinn on the death of Irving Koppel, chairman of the Illinois Liquor Control Commission**

"Irving J. Koppel exemplified the old fashioned concept of community service during more than 25 years with the Illinois Liquor Control Commission. As commission chairman for the last six years, Koppel had championed the fight against underage drinking. Under his leadership, the Liquor Control Commission focused its enforcement efforts on assuring that liquor retailers took seriously their responsibility not to serve minors and not to over serve their patrons. Our thoughts and prayers go out to his family and friends during this difficult time."