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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate are saddened to learn of the death of Gerald F. Tuite, Sr., formerly of Rockford, who passed away on December 31, 2013; and

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WHEREAS, Gerald Tuite, Sr. was born on November 15, 1928 to John C. and Mildred (nee Murphy) Tuite; he served his country as a combat infantry leader and chief photographer with the United States Army in Japan during the Korean War; he attended Rockford College and Georgetown University and then Chicago-Kent College of Law, graduating with honors and his Juris Doctor in 1958; and

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WHEREAS, In 1958, Gerald Tuite, Sr. opened Gerald Tuite & Associates in Rockford, specializing in Labor Law, Workers' Compensation Law, and Personal Injury Law; he was a frequent lecturer on workers' rights and at Bar Association seminars; he was a member of the American Bar Association, the Illinois Bar Association, and the American and Illinois Trial Lawyers Associations and he received numerous accolades for his service to various organizations; and

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WHEREAS, Gerald Tuite, Sr. was active in Democratic politics in the Rockford area; he served as a Precinct Committeeman and Vice-Chairman of the Winnebago County

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1 Democratic Party and was active in many campaigns for local,
2 State, and national offices; he also served as an Assistant
3 Attorney General for 8 years; and

4 WHEREAS, Gerald Tuite, Sr. was a member of the Knights of
5 Columbus, the Naples Yacht Club, the Big Foot Country Club, the
6 Metropolitan Club, the Phi Delta Phi Law Fraternity, and was a
7 charter member of Saint Bridget Catholic Church in Loves Park;
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9 WHEREAS, Gerald Tuite, Sr. was preceded in death by his
10 parents and by his brother, John Tuite; and

11 WHEREAS, Gerald Tuite, Sr. is survived by his beloved wife,
12 Francine Williams Tuite; his children, Gregory E. (Mary) Tuite,
13 Dr. Gerald F. (Susan) Tuite, Jr., Michael P. (Jennifer) Tuite,
14 and Tracy (Paul) Beraud; his 9 grandchildren; and 1
15 great-granddaughter; therefore, be it

16 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL
17 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
18 Gerald F. Tuite, Sr., and extend our sincere condolences to his
19 family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it
20 further

21 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be

1 presented to Gerald Tuite, Sr. as an expression of our deepest
2 sympathy.