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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 Ralph D. Glenn of Mattoon, who passed away on April 6, 2018; and

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WHEREAS, Ralph Glenn was born in Lexington to Robert and Thelma (Derry) Glenn on October 15, 1929; he graduated from Yorkville High School in 1947 and attended college at Illinois Wesleyan University from 1947 to 1949, where he played football and baseball; he earned his bachelor's degree and his Juris Doctor from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign; he was admitted to the Illinois Bar in 1953 and served in the U.S. Army from 1953 to 1955; he completed his initial training at Ft. Riley, Kansas and then served as an intelligence officer and investigator with the Army's Counter Intelligence Corps at Ft. Holabird in Maryland; he was recognized as an Outstanding Trainee at Ft. Riley and received a commendation for exemplary service from the Counter Intelligence Corps; he married Shirley Rudman on September 10, 1955; and

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WHEREAS, In 1955, Ralph Glenn and Shirley moved to Mattoon, and Ralph joined the law firm of Craig & Craig; he became an assistant state's attorney in 1958; in 1960, he was elected State's Attorney of Coles County, a position he held until 1968; he published Illinois Misdemeanor Forms, a book widely

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1 used by area prosecutors at that time; in 1966, he co-founded
2 the Glenn & Logue Law Firm; in 1968, he was chosen to serve as
3 president of the Illinois State's Attorneys Association; he
4 continued practicing law until the end of 2014, when he retired
5 after a 59-year career; during his career, he argued cases at
6 the Circuit, Appellate, and Supreme Court levels, as well as
7 before the U.S. District and U.S. Tax Courts; and

8 WHEREAS, Ralph Glenn coached local youth baseball teams and
9 served as the Commissioner for Mattoon's Jaycee Baseball League
10 for 20 years; he received the Pop Warner Award, and in 1967,
11 the baseball field at Vanlaningham Park was named the Ralph
12 Glenn Field; early in his life, he was named Young Man of the
13 Year by the Mattoon Chamber of Commerce; and

14 WHEREAS, Ralph Glenn was a member of the Central Community
15 Church, the First Presbyterian Church, the Mattoon Jaycees, the
16 Association of Commerce, the American Legion, and the Moose
17 Club; he served on the E-7 Hospital Association Board from 1970
18 to 1979, which oversaw the development, organization,
19 administration, and opening of the Sarah Bush Lincoln Health
20 Center in 1977; and

21 WHEREAS, Ralph Glenn was a member of the Mattoon Golf &
22 Country Club for many years and enjoyed playing golf with his
23 wife and in men's leagues; on two occasions, he shot holes in

1 one on the club course; and

2 WHEREAS, Ralph Glenn was a lifelong fan of the Chicago
3 Cubs, and he often told the story of how he and a group of ten
4 friends traveled in one car, slept overnight on the sidewalk
5 outside of Wrigley Field, and then paid \$1 each for bleacher
6 seats to attend game 7 of the 1945 World Series against the
7 Detroit Tigers; 71 years later, he was watching with his family
8 from his home in Mattoon as his beloved Cubs won the World
9 Series in 2016; and

10 WHEREAS, Ralph Glenn was preceded in death by his parents;
11 his wife, Shirley; his brothers, Robert and Howard Glenn; his
12 sisters, Dorothy Felker and Mary Quinton; and his sons-in-law,
13 Bruce Scott Doty and Clifford Brown; and

14 WHEREAS, Ralph Glenn is survived by his children, James
15 (Laura) Glenn, Michael (Bridgit) Glenn, Cheryl (Douglas)
16 Meyer, and Sharon Brown; his grandchildren, Kyle Glenn, Lindsey
17 Glenn, Michelle (Luke) Wilson, Miranda (Jeremy) Sullivan,
18 Kevin Glenn, Andi Glenn, Andrew Meyer, Todd Meyer, Christina
19 Meyer, and Nicholas Doty; his great-grandchild, Maddie
20 Sullivan; and his sister, Lois Murray; therefore, be it

21 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDREDTH GENERAL
22 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of

1 Ralph D. Glenn, and extend our sincere condolences to his
2 family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it
3 further

4 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
5 presented to the family of Ralph Glenn as an expression of our
6 deepest sympathy.