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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 Charlie Allen of Lacon, who passed away on May 20, 2018; and

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WHEREAS, Charlie Allen served in the U.S. Air Force; and

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WHEREAS, Charlie Allen was a prominent local businessman and anonymous philanthropist; he was the longtime president of the board that governs the Marshall County Airport just east of Lacon; for many years, he ran the family-owned lumberyards in Lacon, Princeton, and Toluca with his brother, Joe Allen Jr.; the business was sold in 2005 to the R.P. Lumber Co., but he maintained an office in Lacon for the Allen Family Limited Partnership, managing farmland and family business interests; and

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WHEREAS, 51 years ago, Charlie Allen founded the Father's Day Fly-in/Drive-in Breakfast at the Marshall County Airport; his memory will be honored in a new scholarship that will offer free beginner flying lessons to Marshall County students; he was known as an absolute country gentleman who used his business and his free time to make Marshall County a better place; and

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1           WHEREAS, Charlie Allen made anonymous donations to many  
2 charitable organizations, colleges, and funds across the  
3 community, State, and nation and never wanted any recognition  
4 for it.; and

5           WHEREAS, Charlie Allen was preceded in death by his  
6 brother, Joe; and

7           WHEREAS, Charlie Allen is survived by a niece and nephew  
8 and their children; therefore, be it

9           RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDREDTH GENERAL  
10 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of  
11 Charlie Allen, and extend our sincere condolences to his  
12 family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it  
13 further

14           RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
15 presented to the family of Charlie Allen as an expression of  
16 our deepest sympathy.