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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate are saddened to
3 learn of the death of Robert W. Galvin; and

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WHEREAS, Robert Galvin was born in 1922, in Marshfield,
5 Wisconsin; and

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WHEREAS, Robert Galvin had a long and distinguished career
in telecommunications; he began working in the stock room of
8 Galvin Manufacturing Corporation in Chicago, a business
9 founded by his father and uncle, in 1940; the company made a
10 device that recharged batteries used to power radios and
11 developed the "Handie-Talkie", a 2-way radio that ended up
12 being used in all theaters during World War II; and

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WHEREAS, In 1959, following the passing of his father,
Robert Galvin took the helm at the company, which had since
acquired the name Motorola; the company subsequently moved from
Chicago to Schaumburg in 1967, which helped spur the growth of
the suburb; under his leadership, Motorola played a role in
outer space, developing key communications products used in
America's space program; Motorola gear brought the sound and
video images to Earth in 1969, when astronaut Neil Armstrong
spoke his famous words "one small step for man, one giant leap
for mankind"; and

1 WHEREAS, During his tenure at Motorola, Robert Galvin
2 created many initiatives that led to the company's incredible
3 growth; in 1973, Motorola demonstrated DynaTAC, the first
4 hand-held cellular phone, which weighed about 2 pounds; the
5 phones became available 10 years later; in 1987, he led the
6 company into China with a \$100 million investment, which led to
7 the name "Motorola" becoming synonymous with the cell phone in
8 China; after stepping down as CEO in 1986, he continued to
9 serve as the company's chairman until 1990; he then served on
10 the company's board of directors until 2001; and

11 WHEREAS, Robert Galvin is survived by his wife, Mary Barnes
12 Galvin; his children, Gail Galvin Ellis, Dawn Galvin Meiners,
13 Christopher Galvin, and Michael Galvin; his 13 grandchildren;
14 and his 10 great-grandchildren; therefore, be it

15 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL
16 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn, along with
17 his family and friends, the passing of Robert W. Galvin; and be
18 it further

19 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
20 presented to the family of Robert Galvin as an expression of
21 our sympathy.