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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 Jack Kennedy Lahey of Chicago, who passed away on May 2, 2014; and

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WHEREAS, Jack Lahey grew up in Wrigleyville and attended Old St. Pat's High School; he played basketball for DePaul University from 1948 to 1951, and was drafted into the United States Army in the early 1950s; and

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WHEREAS, Jack Lahey joined the Harlem Globetrotters organization as a member of one of their traveling teams of in-house rivals and faced off with such greats as Goose Tatum, Marques Haynes, and Ermer Robinson; though his teams always were beaten by the Globetrotters, it enabled him to see the world and meet celebrities; he met Marilyn Monroe and Joe DiMaggio in Japan, comedian Danny Kaye in Hawaii, and bandleader Xavier Cugat in the Philippines; he also saw Australia, Singapore, and Hong Kong; and

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WHEREAS, After his basketball career ended, Jack Lahey returned to Chicago and worked as a physical education instructor for the Board of Education; he also worked as a vending machine distributor and a real estate investor; and

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1 WHEREAS, Jack Lahey enjoyed a good meal, a glass of Cutty
2 Sark, the view from his Acapulco condo, and watching an
3 exciting basketball game on TV; and

4 WHEREAS, Jack Lahey is survived by his wife, Angeline (nee
5 Villafuerte); his sister, Mary Jemilo; a brother, William; and
6 a step-daughter, Michelle Nieves; therefore, be it

7 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL
8 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
9 Jack Kennedy Lahey, and extend our sincere condolences to his
10 family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it
11 further

12 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
13 presented to the family of Jack Lahey as an expression of our
14 deepest sympathy.