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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 Gene Callahan of Springfield, who passed away on August 4, 2014; and

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WHEREAS, Gene Callahan was a native of Milford; he was a graduate of Illinois College in Jacksonville and served in the United States Army; and

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WHEREAS, Gene Callahan began his career as a reporter and columnist for the Illinois State Register; after his time as a reporter, he worked for Democratic office holders, including Governors Sam Shapiro and Otto Kerner; he then worked as Chief of Staff to Lt. Governor Paul Simon; he worked for Alan Dixon for more than 19 years, including when Dixon was State Treasurer and Secretary of State; he was Dixon's Chief of Staff during his years as a Senator; following his time with Senator Dixon, he served as Director of Government Relations for Major League Baseball; he was considered a positive influence by both sides of the political isle; and

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WHEREAS, Gene Callahan was preceded in death by his son, Dan Callahan; and

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WHEREAS, Gene Callahan is survived by his wife, Ann, and by

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2 Lynn Callahan Riddley; therefore, be it

3 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL
4 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
5 Gene Callahan, and extend our sincere condolences to his
6 family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it
7 further

8 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
9 presented to the family of Gene Callahan as an expression of
10 our deepest sympathy.