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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 Eugene Shea, who passed away on March 31, 2015; and

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WHEREAS, Eugene Shea was born on August 14, 1928 in Waukegan; his parents were Laurello and Alice (nee Sweeney) Shea; and

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WHEREAS, Eugene Shea graduated from Waukegan High School and earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Elementary Education from National Lewis University; and

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WHEREAS, In 1950, Eugene Shea entered the United States Army; he served in the field artillery during the Korean Conflict; and

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WHEREAS, Eugene Shea taught elementary education at Immaculate Conception School in Waukegan and Oakland Grade School and Antioch Grade School in Antioch; and

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WHEREAS, Eugene Shea began teaching baton twirling lessons at the age of 18 at the YMCA and the Catholic Community Center in Waukegan before owning and operating Shea's Baton and Dance Studio on Grand Avenue in Waukegan for many years; he was also

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1 an active member of the National Baton Twirling Judges  
2 Association until his passing; and

3 WHEREAS, Eugene Shea was the recipient of the Twirl Mania  
4 Lifetime Achievement Award in 2012; and

5 WHEREAS, Eugene Shea is survived by a brother, George Shea;  
6 2 sisters, Alice (Warren "Butch") Brownlee and Anne Shea; and  
7 his countless former students and fellow baton twirling  
8 enthusiasts from throughout the United States, Canada, and  
9 Europe; therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL  
11 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we, along with his  
12 family and friends, mourn the passing of Eugene Shea; and be it  
13 further

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