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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 John A. Farrell of Alton, who passed away on August 26, 2015; and

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WHEREAS, John Farrell was born in Edgar County on February 27, 1929 to John E. and Bessie (nee Houston) Farrell; he served in the United States Army as a Staff Sergeant during the Korean War and was discharged in 1952; he graduated from the University of Illinois with a Bachelor of Science in Accountancy in 1955; and

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WHEREAS, John Farrell joined the Civil Service for the Internal Revenue Service, working as a Field Agent and later as an Estate Examiner; he attended law school at St. Louis University, earning his Juris Doctor in 1961; he was senior partner at Farrell, Hamilton & Julian, P.C. in Godfrey for 48 years; he was a longstanding member of the Illinois State, Madison County, and Alton-Wood River Bar Associations; his writings appeared in publications related to continuing legal education and estate planning; he retired in 2013; and

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WHEREAS, John Farrell was Treasurer of the Fosterburg Fire Department, a member of the Board of Directors for Mid-America Bank of Alton, and an active member of his local community; he

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1 and his wife were active members of 12th Street Presbyterian
2 Church for 40 years, where he served as an Elder and Treasurer;
3 after the church closed, they became members at Evangelical UCC
4 Church in Godfrey; and

5 WHEREAS, For many years, John Farrell attended a weekly
6 Bible study group; he grew a vegetable garden and stomped
7 through briars to pick blackberries; he sent a weekly mailing
8 of jokes to friends and family and enjoyed writing letters; he
9 was consulted regarding the practice of law and mentored with
10 the SCORE Program; and

11 WHEREAS, John Farrell was preceded in death by his parents;
12 his 2 brothers, William and James Farrell; and his
13 granddaughter, Shelby; and

14 WHEREAS, John Farrell is survived by his wife of 56 years,
15 Loretta (nee Richey); his 4 children, Toni K. and Jonathan
16 Farrell-Higgins, Daniel E. and Alejandrina, Michael J. and Joan
17 Farrell, and Jenifer A. and Trevor Farrell-Dreilich; his 10
18 grandchildren, Elise, Clare, Meredith, Jade, Alexa, Eric,
19 Shane, Ian, Riley, and John; his 2 great-grandchildren, Giana
20 and Eden; his brother, Max Farrell; and his sister, Mary
21 Napolis; therefore, be it

22 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL

1 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
2 John A. Farrell, and extend our sincere condolences to his
3 family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it
4 further

5 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
6 presented to the family of John Farrell as an expression of our
7 deepest sympathy.