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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 Thomas Ahern of Silvis, who passed away on August 8, 2016; and

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WHEREAS, John Ahern was born on September 14, 1935 in Waterloo, Iowa; his parents were James and Ruth Flynn Ahern; he married Susan Jansen on June 13, 1964 at St. Joseph's Church in Rock Island; and

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WHEREAS, John Ahern attended St. Columbkille's Grade School, Loras Academy, and Loras College in Dubuque, Iowa, where he graduated in 1960; and

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WHEREAS, John Ahern served his country as a United States Marine; while in the Marine Corps, he was awarded a role in the movie "The DI" starring Jack Webb; and

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WHEREAS, John Ahern worked for the Illinois Central Railroad and the Rock Island Lines Railroad in Silvis before retiring after 20 years from John Deere Harvester Works in East Moline; and

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WHEREAS, John Ahern served his community as an Alderman in Silvis; he was a member of the Alleman High School Board of

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1 Education and the St. Mary's East Moline School Board; he also
2 served as a Trustee for Black Hawk College, earning Trustee of
3 the Year in 2003; and

4 WHEREAS, John Ahern was an East Moline and Silvis Rotarian,
5 a member of Knights of Columbus Council 716 and the Quad Cities
6 St. Patrick's Society; he was also Grand Marshal of the Quad
7 Cities St. Patrick's Day Grand Parade in 1998; and

8 WHEREAS, John Ahern was preceded in death by his parents
9 and his children, Mary Colleen, Terrence, Michael, and Timothy;
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11 WHEREAS, John Ahern is survived by his wife, Susan; his
12 children, Catherine (Bob) Clementi, Sean (Julie) Ahern, Dennis
13 (Lisa) Ahern, Regina (Brian) Knobloch, Kevin (Amy) Ahern, Brian
14 Ahern, Seamus (Amanda) Ahern, and Guila Meghan Ahern; 24
15 grandchildren; two great-grandsons and one on the way; his
16 brother, Dr. James Ahern; and his sister, Judith McDonald;
17 therefore, be it

18 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL
19 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we, along with his
20 family and friends, mourn the passing of John Thomas Ahern; and
21 be it further

1 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
2 presented to the family of John Ahern as an expression of our
3 sympathy.