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SENATE RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate are saddened to learn of the death of Jeremiah David Sullivan of Urbana, who passed away on July 7, 2016; and

WHEREAS, Jeremiah Sullivan was born on November 15, 1938 in Norwood, Massachusetts; his parents were Jeremiah F. Sullivan and Doris Nutton Sullivan; and

WHEREAS, After receiving his bachelor's degree in physics as an Alfred P. Sloan Scholar in 1960 from Carnegie Institute of Technology (now Carnegie Mellon University), Jeremiah Sullivan earned his Ph.D. in physics from Princeton University in 1964; he spent his postdoctoral years as a research associate in the theoretical physics group at the Stanford Linear Accelerator Center; and

WHEREAS, In 1967, Jeremiah Sullivan joined the Physics Department at the University of Illinois in Champaign-Urbana as an associate professor; he became a professor in 1973; he retired from the University of Illinois in July of 2006 as the head of the Department of Physics, a position he held for six years; and

WHEREAS, In 1974, Jeremiah Sullivan began what ultimately

1 developed into his major research direction when he accepted an  
2 invitation to become a member of JASON, a group of scientists  
3 who provide expert technical analyses to the United States  
4 government on scientific issues relevant to national security;  
5 each summer, until 2011, he spent six weeks working with the  
6 JASON group and contributed greatly to its success; he also  
7 lent his expertise to a number of other important studies and  
8 reviews that have played key roles in the evolution of United  
9 States defense policy over the past 20 years; and

10 WHEREAS, Jeremiah Sullivan made significant contributions  
11 to particle physics in the early years of his career; he was a  
12 member of numerous influential committees, including the  
13 United States Department of Energy's High Energy Physics  
14 Advisory Panel, the Lawrence Berkeley Laboratory Particle Data  
15 Group Advisory Panel; the Advisory Committee of the National  
16 Nuclear Security Administration, the Board of Directors of the  
17 Arms Control Association, the Distinguished External Advisory  
18 Committee on Arms Control and National Security of Sandia  
19 National Laboratories, the External Review Committee of the  
20 Non-Proliferation, Arms Control, and International Security  
21 Directorate of Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory, and the  
22 Review Committee of the National Security Directorate of  
23 Pacific Northwest National Laboratory; he was also the acting  
24 head of the Theoretical Physics Division at the Fermi National  
25 Accelerator Laboratory in 1972; and

1           WHEREAS, In 2001, Jeremiah Sullivan was appointed to a  
2 four-year term as the United States representative to the Panel  
3 on Security-Related Civil Science and Technology, a  
4 subcommittee of the NATO Science Committee; he served on the  
5 Committee on International Security and Arms Control of the  
6 American Academy of Arts and Sciences from 1988 to 2002 and on  
7 the Committee on International Security and Arms Control of the  
8 National Academy of Sciences from 1980 to 1983; and

9           WHEREAS, Jeremiah Sullivan was elected as a Fellow of the  
10 American Physical Society and the American Association for the  
11 Advancement of Science; he received an Alfred P. Sloan  
12 Foundation fellowship in 1968; he was also recognized by the  
13 American Physical Society with the 2000 Leo Szilard Award; and

14           WHEREAS, Jeremiah Sullivan loved sailing in the Pacific  
15 waters off San Diego and was delighted to be co-captain of a  
16 six-person sailboat for two weeks with his friends in Tahiti  
17 and Bora Bora in 2001; he enjoyed building furniture and wooden  
18 toys for his children and was handy in fixing anything that  
19 broke; he enjoyed art and was good at framing pictures for his  
20 home and for gifts; he enjoyed music, his garden, spending time  
21 in nature, and traveling with his wife throughout the United  
22 States and abroad; he also enjoyed reading about history,  
23 current events, and science of many kinds, and playing with his

1 children, his granddaughter, and his cats; and

2 WHEREAS, Jeremiah Sullivan was preceded in death by his  
3 parents; his sisters, Doris Ann Bradbury and Mary Ellen Hanley;  
4 and his brother, David Hall Sullivan; and

5 WHEREAS, Jeremiah Sullivan is survived by his loving wife  
6 of 54 years, Sheila Sullivan; his children, Maureen E. Sullivan  
7 and Jeremiah J. (Jennifer) Sullivan; his granddaughter, Lily S.  
8 Sullivan; and his nieces and nephews, Captain Timothy R.  
9 (Marie) Hanley, United States Navy (Ret.), Mary K. Hanley (Ken  
10 Scheffler), David L. (Carla) Bradbury, Karole L. Bradbury, and  
11 Steven E. Bradbury; therefore, be it

12 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL  
13 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we, along with his  
14 family and friends, mourn the passing of Jeremiah David  
15 Sullivan; and be it further

16 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
17 presented to the family of Jeremiah Sullivan as an expression  
18 of our sympathy.