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SENATE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate are saddened
3 to learn of the death of Gerald Evans Gill of Michigan,
4 formerly of Virginia, Illinois, who passed away on July 23,
5 2022; and

6 WHEREAS, Gerald Gill was born in Cass County on July 19,
7 1931; he graduated from Virginia High School; he completed his
8 higher education through Knox College and the University of
9 Miami; he served in the U.S. Navy; and

10 WHEREAS, Gerald Gill was the founder and board chairman of
11 CassComm; he began his career in farming and sales; while
12 managing his Virginia-based family business, the Cass County
13 Telephone Company (CCTC), he recognized the importance of
14 emerging cable television technology in the 1960s; he created
15 Cass Community Antenna Television, Inc. (CATV) to serve
16 Beardstown in 1965, which would eventually become a cable
17 television service; over the years, his companies grew into
18 CassComm, becoming a provider of telephone, television, long
19 distance, and internet service to more than 30 communities in
20 central Illinois; and

21 WHEREAS, Gerald Gill was a true pioneer in the
22 telecommunications industry, with success in building,

1 purchasing, upgrading, and selling cable television systems
2 nationwide, along with his many other business investments and
3 ventures; he actively participated in every aspect of the
4 business until his passing; and

5 WHEREAS, Gerald Gill was known for being a connoisseur of
6 living well and making others feel special; he will be
7 remembered for his love of life, family, sailing, and
8 adventure; and

9 WHEREAS, Gerald Gill is survived by his wife, Mary; his
10 son, Gerald S. Gill; his sister, Wendy; and a host of
11 grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces, and nephews;
12 therefore, be it

13 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL
14 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
15 Gerald Evans Gill and extend our sincere condolences to his
16 family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it
17 further

18 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
19 presented to the family of Gerald Gill as an expression of our
20 deepest sympathy.