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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, Members of the Illinois Senate will miss their  
3 colleague, Senator Dave Sullivan; and

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WHEREAS, Senator Sullivan has served his constituents in  
5 the northwest suburbs faithfully since he was appointed in  
6 1998; he won elections in 2000 and 2002; and

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WHEREAS, Senator Sullivan was the architect and negotiator  
8 of the historic Telecommunications Article rewrite of 2001 and  
9 as a result of the changes in law, Illinois consumers have  
10 saved more than \$500 million; and

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WHEREAS, Senator Sullivan has been a strong advocate for  
12 children's health-care issues; he was the lead sponsor of the  
13 law requiring additional instruction about the dangers of  
14 steroid abuse for student athletes enrolled in Illinois  
15 schools; and

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WHEREAS, Throughout Senator Sullivan's legislative career,  
17 he has been a strong supporter of Illinois veterans; he was the  
18 chief sponsor of comprehensive legislation providing deployed  
19 armed services members and their families with some additional  
20 common-sense financial protections in recognition of their  
21 service to Illinois and to the country as a whole; and

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WHEREAS, As a legislator, Senator Sullivan has made several  
23 noteworthy contributions, including sponsoring a law allowing  
24 Maryville Academy kids to participate in summer education  
25 programs; and

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WHEREAS, Senator Sullivan led the charge to commission a  
27 study on the impact that expansion at O'Hare International  
28 Airport would have on communities around the airport; based on  
29 the information contained in that study, he was able to

1 successfully negotiate certain financial considerations for  
2 the school districts that would be affected by expansion at  
3 O'Hare; and

4 WHEREAS, Senator Sullivan was one of the first freshman  
5 lawmakers to haze another freshman lawmaker; and

6 WHEREAS, Senator Sullivan is the founding member of the  
7 infamous "Sullivan Caucus", which seeks to promote the best of  
8 Irish culture - eating and drinking; he is the entire  
9 Republican delegation on the Irish Fellowship Club of Chicago  
10 Board of Directors; even Martha Stewart cannot rival Dave  
11 Sullivan in the fine art of incorporating green ties into every  
12 shirt and sport coat combination in the Senator's wardrobe; and

13 WHEREAS, A long, long time ago, Senator Sullivan was named  
14 to Crain's Chicago Business' "Forty Under Forty" list; and

15 WHEREAS, Senator Sullivan is a member of the Lattof YMCA  
16 Board of Directors, the Park Ridge Kiwanis, the Children's  
17 Advocacy Center of Northwest Cook County Board of Directors,  
18 the Center of Concern Advisory Board, Avenues of Independence  
19 Board of Directors, Irish Fellowship Club of Chicago Board of  
20 Directors, Amate House Board of Directors, the Advocate  
21 Lutheran General Hospital Board, the National Conference of  
22 State Legislators (NCSL) Communication, Technology, and  
23 Interstate Commerce Committee, the NCSL Energy and Electric  
24 Utilities Committee, and the Maine Township Regular Republican  
25 Organization; and

26 WHEREAS, Senator Sullivan has received awards and  
27 recognition from many different organizations, including  
28 Action for Children, the Illinois Farm Bureau, Mount Prospect  
29 Park District, the Illinois Coalition for Competitive  
30 Telecommunications, the Association of Chiefs of Police, AARP,  
31 the Northwest Special Recreation Association, Lutheran General

1 Hospital, VISIONS Network, Jewish Family and Community  
2 Services, SIDS Alliance of Illinois, Inc., Community Health  
3 Charities of Illinois, the National Federation of Independent  
4 Business, the International Union of Operating Engineers Local  
5 150, Plumbing Contractors Association of Chicago and Cook  
6 County, the Park Ridge Jaycees, the Illinois Hospital and  
7 Health System Association, and Metropolitan Family Services;  
8 and

9 WHEREAS, Senator Sullivan is a dedicated husband and father  
10 to his lovely wife, Dru, and four wonderful children, Brendan,  
11 Shannon, Michael, and Erin; his commitment and love for his  
12 family has earned him the respect and admiration of his  
13 colleagues; and

14 WHEREAS, He graduated with a bachelor's degree in political  
15 science from Marquette University in Milwaukee, Wisconsin; he  
16 is proud to see his two oldest children enrolled in classes at  
17 his alma mater and even more proud to see that they are not  
18 following too closely in his footsteps; and

19 WHEREAS, Being the youngest of eight children, Senator  
20 Sullivan learned not only patience, but also the fine art of  
21 compromise; he has always made it a point to be kind and  
22 courteous to the people around him and he has always  
23 appreciated the work people do for him; and

24 WHEREAS, Senator Sullivan is a committed Catholic; he is a  
25 member of St. Paul of the Cross Church in Park Ridge; and

26 WHEREAS, Senator Dave Sullivan is respected by his  
27 colleagues from both political parties for his honesty,  
28 integrity, and good-natured sense of humor; he will be  
29 remembered as a Senator who took his responsibility as an  
30 advocate for his district seriously; therefore, be it

1           RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL  
2 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that that we recognize Dave  
3 Sullivan for his many accomplishments as he leaves the Illinois  
4 Senate and that we wish him well in all future endeavors; and  
5 be it further

6           RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
7 presented to Dave Sullivan to honor him for his years of  
8 service to the citizens of Illinois.