



1

SENATE RESOLUTION

2

WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate are saddened to learn of the death of Richard Mervyn "Dick" Hall of Arlington Heights, who passed away on November 3, 2006; and

5

WHEREAS, Richard Mervyn "Dick" Hall was born on May 14, 1925, in Macomb, Illinois; his parents were Mervyn and Beryl Hall; and

8

WHEREAS, After serving in the Army Air Corps, Richard Hall attended the University of Illinois, Urbana, graduating in just two and one-half years with a bachelor's degree in electrical engineering; he was still working full-time as owner of a commercial and industrial lighting fixture sales agency at the time of his death; and

14

WHEREAS, Richard Hall was the longest-serving supervisor out of 30 townships in Cook County; he began his 38 years of public service with Elk Grove Township as a trustee in April 1968; he was first elected Elk Grove Township supervisor eight years later in 1976 and was repeatedly re-elected, serving in that position until his death; and

20

WHEREAS, Mr. Hall's legacy as township supervisor includes a bicycle safety program for the township; the program now trains between 5,000 to 7,000 children every year; he also created the Elk Grove Township Community Day Care Center, so that working mothers would have a place to bring their children; and

26

WHEREAS, Mr. Hall was president of the Elk Grove Township Republican Organization, a resident of Elk Grove Township for more than 40 years, and a member of the Township Officials of Cook County; and

29

1 WHEREAS, In 2005 Mr. Hall was honored by local officials
2 when a street in unincorporated Elk Grove Township was re-named
3 Richard M. Hall Drive; and

4 WHEREAS, Mr. Hall was a life master in duplicate bridge and
5 had mastered most major board games; he enjoyed spending time
6 with his family, gardening with his natural "green thumb",
7 cooking outdoors, even in the middle of winter, and playing
8 with his special at-home friends, his cats; and

9 WHEREAS, Richard Hall is survived by his wife, Arlene; his
10 daughters, Sharon (Ron) Lansdown, Lyn (Gary) Woodrum, and
11 Marianne (Cliff) Albert; Arlene's children, Tom Podlesak,
12 Bethann (Ed) Castellano, and Susan (Larry) Johnson; his
13 grandchildren, Kathy (Eric) Regan, Shari (Patrick) Hayes, Ron
14 Lansdown, Kari Woodrum, Eric Woodrum, Erin (Ian) Burgar, Ryan
15 (Sarah) Albert, and Weston Albert; Arlene's grandchildren,
16 Michael Castellano, Brittany Castellano, Danny Castellano,
17 Larry Johnson, Jr., Scott Johnson, Joshua Johnson, Katie
18 Johnson, Jason Johnson, Brianna Johnson, and Connor Johnson;
19 his great-grandchildren, Melanie Regan, Christopher Hayes, and
20 Caelan Hayes; his sister, Betty (Bob) Rands; and many nephews
21 and nieces; therefore, be it

22 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL
23 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn, along with
24 his family and friends, the passing of Richard Hall; and be it
25 further

26 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
27 presented to Richard Hall.