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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 J.M. "Sully" Sullivan of Peoria, who passed away on March 31, 2010; and

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WHEREAS, He was born to H.T. "Tommy" and Colleen Kelleher Sullivan in Peoria on Easter Sunday; he grew up in St. Patrick's Parish, where he received his First Communion from Bishop Fulton J. Sheen; he then became a member of Sacred Heart Church; and

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WHEREAS, He was in the 173rd Airborne Brigade (Sep) in Dak To, Vietnam, and in the 18th Airborne Corps, United States Army; he attended Illinois State University, where he founded the Gamma Sigma Nu Fraternity, which later became the Sigma Nu Fraternity; after college, he worked in pubs and in wholesale in Bloomington; and

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WHEREAS, In 1979, he moved back to Peoria and founded his first two bars, Sully's Beach Club and Sully's Irish Pub, both of which were located in Peoria Heights; subsequently, he founded Sully's Pub and Cafe on Adams Street, Champions on Farmington Road, Sullivan Rock Cafe on Sterling Avenue, Texas Cafe on North Adams Street, Sullivan's Other Planet (SOP), ZZ Pops on Main Street, and Khaki Jacks on Allen Road, and also

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1 served as sales manager for the Peoria Rivermen hockey team;
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3 WHEREAS, In 1998, he met his wife, Molly (Mihm) and they
4 were married on May 20, 2006; together, they re-established
5 Sullivan's Pub on Main Street and F. Scott's Whiskey Bar on
6 Jefferson Street; in 2008, they established Sullivan's in
7 Peoria Heights; over the years, they also designed and
8 decorated other Peoria restaurants; and

9 WHEREAS, J.M. "Sully" Sullivan is survived by his wife,
10 Molly (Mihm) Sullivan; his daughter, Becky (Jim) Myszka and
11 their four children, Matt, Ben, Katie, and John; his mother,
12 Colleen; his sisters, Maureen (Brice) Baumgarten, Dodie
13 (Steve) Gomer, Margaret (Chuck) Walter, Becky (John) Blasek,
14 Tracy (John) Meisinger, Susie Blasek, Mary (Danny) Arnold, and
15 Colleen (Dave) DeFord; and his brother, Pat (Lark); also
16 surviving are his beloved nieces and nephews and their
17 families; therefore, be it

18 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-SIXTH GENERAL
19 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn, along with
20 his family and friends, the passing of J.M. Sullivan; and be it
21 further

22 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be

1 presented to the family of J.M. Sullivan as a symbol of our
2 sincere sympathy.