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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 Dennis Dennehy of Oak Lawn, on January 6, 2013; and

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WHEREAS, Dennis Dennehy was an Irish dance teacher for more than half a century; he taught the most famous Irish dancer in the world, "Lord of the Dance", Michael Flatley, as well as Mark Howard, who co-founded Chicago's Trinity, the largest Irish dance program in the world; more than 100 Irish dance teachers in the midwest can trace their roots to Mr. Dennehy and at least 27 schools have been founded by his former students; he and his wife, Margie, co-founded the Dennehy School of Irish Dance in the early 1960s; and

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WHEREAS, Dennis Dennehy grew up on the west side of Chicago and attended St. Philip High School; his parents were from the towns of Bantry Bay and Macroom in County Cork, Ireland; he attended Loyola University, where he met his future wife, Margie Bartishell; he worked as an underwriter for Kemper Insurance; and

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WHEREAS, Dennis Dennehy enjoyed spending time with his Alaskan malamute, Seamus and the family mutt, Shannon; and

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1 WHEREAS, Dennis Dennehy is survived by his wife, Margie;
2 his son, Dennis Dennehy; his daughter, Kathleen; his sisters,
3 Therese Smetana and Margaret Jandacek; his brother, Emmett, and
4 his grandson, Conor; therefore, be it

5 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL
6 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
7 Dennis Dennehy, and we extend our sincere condolences to his
8 family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it
9 further

10 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
11 presented to the family of Dennis Dennehy as an expression of
12 our deepest sympathy.