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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 Richard "Dick" Everett Fallow of Davenport, Iowa, who passed away on April 13, 2013; and

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WHEREAS, Richard Fallow was born on August 23, 1920, in Hartford, Connecticut, to Everett and Gladys Bennett Fallow; in 1937, while on a youth hostel bicycle trip to Europe, his life would be changed forever by the poverty and war he witnessed firsthand; and

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WHEREAS, Richard Fallow graduated from Amherst College in 1942; he joined the American Field Service during World War II and served as an ambulance driver for 2 years; he was assigned to the 8th British Army in North Africa; while volunteering for the AFS, he witnessed the poor treatment and living conditions the Jewish population faced; and

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WHEREAS, Upon returning home, Richard Fallow began working for the United Electrical and Radio Workers Union; he fought for workers' rights and continued to organize for fair and equal business laws for employees, which eventually led him to Sioux County, Iowa; it was there that he met his wife, Wilhelmina "Mickey" DeVries; and

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1 WHEREAS, In 1951, Richard Fallow and his wife, Mickey were
2 united in marriage; they moved to Davenport, Iowa, in 1952 and
3 started their family, which includes 3 daughters; and

4 WHEREAS, Richard Fallow continued to be active with labor
5 unions and joined the staff of the National AFL-CIO, serving as
6 an area director of the Committee on Political Education
7 (COPE); his contributions to the workforce were exemplary,
8 always conscious of the well-being of workers and their
9 families and striving constantly to improve the laws that
10 protect the American worker; he officially retired in 1988 from
11 COPE; and

12 WHEREAS, At 87 years old, Richard Fallow was awarded with
13 the first-ever Lifetime Achievement Award from the East Central
14 Iowa-Northwestern Illinois AFL-CIO Hall of Fame; he continued
15 to encourage others to work toward the ultimate goal of making
16 the United States a better place to live and work; and

17 WHEREAS, Richard Fallow had a great compassion toward
18 society as a whole, and he passed those same values on to his
19 children and grandchildren; he will be lovingly remembered as
20 not only a pioneer activist for the labor movement but also as
21 a devoted husband, father, and grandfather; and

22 WHEREAS, Richard Fallow was a musician, photographer, and

1 organic gardener; he was a member of the Quad City Regional
2 Musician's Union-Local 67, National Alliance of Retired
3 Americans, Progressive Action for the Common Good, along with
4 other long-standing associations through the National
5 Federation of Labor; therefore, be it

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

11 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
12 presented to the family of Richard Fallow as an expression of
13 our deepest sympathy.