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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 John R. Dahl of Savoy, who passed away on January 15, 2016; and

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WHEREAS, John Dahl was born in Tacoma, Washington to Margaret and John Dahl on November 6, 1923; he served in the United States Army Air Force with the 8th Army Air Force in England during World War II; upon returning to the U.S., he was hospitalized at Peterson Field, Colorado Springs, Colorado, where he met and married his nurse, Lieutenant Violet R. Holdiman; he graduated from the University of Washington in Seattle, where he rowed on the crew as an undergraduate; he earned his Master of Arts in History after the war; and

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WHEREAS, John Dahl began his teaching career at the University of Northern Iowa; he then taught in the public schools of Minneapolis and Edina, Minnesota, before coming to the University of Illinois in 1967; in 1963, he was selected as a John Hay Fellow in the Humanities at Yale University, where he was also an Honorary Fellow of Calhoun College; he was also an adjunct professor in the M.A.T. Program; prior to his retirement from the University of Illinois in 1989, he was a member of the National Humanities Faculty; he was also a member of the Board of the Athletic Association, an Associate Chairman

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1 of the Department of History, and Chairman of the Faculty  
2 Advisory Committee for the Newman Foundation; and

3 WHEREAS, John Dahl was a professed member of the Secular  
4 Franciscan Order for over 50 years; he served as an officer of  
5 the Sierra Club of Champaign-Urbana, including 2 terms as  
6 President and as District Governor for clubs in Illinois and  
7 northern Indiana; at St. Matthew's, he was a lector and  
8 Eucharistic minister; and

9 WHEREAS, John Dahl was preceded in death by his parents; a  
10 younger brother; and his son-in-law, Kenneth Newman; and

11 WHEREAS, John Dahl is survived by his beloved wife, Violet;  
12 his 2 daughters, Maureen Newman and Lisa (Brian) McClean; his 2  
13 grandsons, Sean McClean and Christopher Newman; and his 2  
14 great-grandchildren, Kimberly and Jacob Newman; therefore, be  
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16 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL  
17 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of  
18 John R. Dahl, and extend our sincere condolences to his family,  
19 friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it further

20 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
21 presented to the family of John Dahl as an expression of our

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1 deepest sympathy.