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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 James Edward Gallagher, who passed away on May 18, 2016; and

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WHEREAS, James Gallagher was born on February 18, 1926; his parents were Albert and Catherine Gallagher; he married Mary Jean Bure on January 30, 1954; and

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WHEREAS, James Gallagher graduated from Waukegan High School; he later attended the Conservatory of Music in Chicago; and

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WHEREAS, James Gallagher served in the United States Army Air Corps during World War II as a radio operator in Iran, Turkey, and the Persian Gulf; he was a member of Veterans of Foreign Wars #1293 for over 60 years; and

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WHEREAS, James Gallagher was a Local 63 Ironworker, but could perform most any trade; he worked in the family business, the McKinney Harrington Conveyor Company; in 1966, he co-founded the North Chicago Iron Works; and

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WHEREAS, James Gallagher played piano, saxophone, and the clarinet, which he called his licorice stick; he played in a

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1 swing band at local dance halls and supper clubs while in high
2 school; and

3 WHEREAS, James Gallagher worked with his family at P.A.D.S.
4 (Public Action to Deliver Shelter) for 25 years; he was a Third
5 Degree Knight of Columbus, Waukegan #731 for over 50 years and
6 a longtime member of the Fraternal Order of Eagles; he and his
7 sons also helped wheelchair-bound veterans to attend the church
8 services at the Downey Veterans Hospital; and

9 WHEREAS, James Gallagher was a member of St. Anastasia
10 Roman Catholic Church for 60 years; he was also a member of the
11 Holy Name Society for over 50 years and was a bingo captain for
12 many decades; and

13 WHEREAS, James Gallagher enjoyed traveling with his family
14 on many road trips throughout the world; he enjoyed dancing
15 with his wife, especially polkas; he liked anything old and
16 American-made, leading to his extensive collection of antique
17 radios, cars, and motorcycles; he was also a member of the
18 Antique Motorcycle Club, the Henderson Club, and the Antique
19 Model T Club; and

20 WHEREAS, James Gallagher was preceded in death by his
21 beloved wife, Mary Jean; his parents; his brother, Albert; and
22 his grandchildren, Thomas, Joseph, and Brianna; and

1 WHEREAS, James Gallagher was the father of James, Mark
2 (Darlene), Ruth Ann, Jean Marie (Kurt), Mary Elaine (Michael),
3 John (Elaine), Diane Lynn (Andy), and Kate Lynn (Scotty); the
4 brother-in-law of John (Dawn) Bure and Ruth Ann (Jack O'Brien);
5 the grandfather of Kathy (Ramon), Steven (Cristi),
6 Christopher, Sarah (Caleb), Megan (Chris), Kathleen (Brock),
7 Christina, James, Daniel, Andrew, Caryn (Alex), Sean, Angelyn,
8 Lynsey, Nicholas, Riley, Mikayla, and Curtis; the
9 great-grandfather of Xavier, Abel, Ayden, Addison, Cassidy,
10 Taylor, Lawrence, Olivia, Christopher, Connor, Cody, and
11 Kevin; and the godfather, uncle, cousin, neighbor, and friend
12 of many; therefore, be it

13 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL
14 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we, along with his
15 family and friends, mourn the passing of James Edward
16 Gallagher; and be it further

17 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
18 presented to the family of James Gallagher as an expression of
19 our sympathy.