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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 Albert M. "Al" Jourdan Jr. of Johnsburg, who passed away on February 25, 2017; and

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WHEREAS, Albert Jourdan Jr. was born in Oak Park to Albert M. Sr. and Charlotte (Sellick) Jourdan on September 19, 1934; and

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WHEREAS, Albert Jourdan Jr. began his career as a meatpacker like his father; until 1970, he was the general manager of Jourdan Packing House, a fourth-generation family-owned sausage making and packing house on Chicago's south side; through his business contacts, he became acquainted with Richard B. Ogilvie, and later helped deliver the vote in Ogilvie's successful bid for governor in 1968; his political career began in 1961 when he became McHenry Township 16th precinct committeeman; he was chosen as the McHenry County Republican Chairman in 1968 and served in that role until 1998; from 1972 until 1997, he was McHenry County Auditor, and from 1991-1993, he served as the head of the Illinois Republican Party; in 1998, he became the first inductee into the McHenry County Republican Foundation's Hall of Fame; he was appointed to the RTA board in 2008 and served until 2013; in recent years, he served as a political consultant for many candidates

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1 and projects within McHenry County and the State; and

2 WHEREAS, Albert Jourdan Jr. was a diehard fan of the Green
3 Bay Packers, despite growing up in a household of Chicago Bears
4 fans; he also had fun supporting the Chicago White Sox; he
5 enjoyed spending time outside with his family and boating; he
6 was an active member in the Johnsbury Community Club and was a
7 former member of the Johnsbury Kiwanis Club, Bimbo's SAC
8 Athletic Baseball Club, and the Sunnyside Inn Baseball Club; he
9 was an outstanding member of the Loyal Order of Raccoon for the
10 State of Illinois; and

11 WHEREAS, Albert Jourdan Jr. will be fondly remembered for
12 being a loving husband, father, grandfather,
13 great-grandfather, mentor, and friend to many; and

14 WHEREAS, Albert Jourdan Jr. was preceded in death by his
15 parents, and his sister, Charlene Fischer; and

16 WHEREAS, Albert Jourdan Jr. is survived by the love of his
17 life and wife of 62 years, Carolyn "Carrie" (Kollman) Jourdan;
18 his daughter Debra Diedrich, and son Albert III (Kelline)
19 Jourdan; seven grandchildren, Christine Diedrich, Scott
20 (Laura) Diedrich, Austin Jourdan, Samantha (Eric) Tatera,
21 Jonathan (Kristin) McMeins, Amanda Kochan, and Michelle (Matt)
22 Mutchler; and seven great-grandchildren, Leland Tatera,

1 Brayden Kochan, Mason Mutchler, Wyatt Kochan, Lexie Tatera,
2 Alex Diedrich, and Morgan Mutchler; therefore, be it

3 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDREDTH GENERAL
4 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
5 Albert M. "Al" Jourdan Jr., and extend our sincere condolences
6 to his family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be
7 it further

8 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
9 presented to the family of Albert Jourdan Jr. as an expression
10 of our deepest sympathy.