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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 Jack Albin Allen of Tuscola, who passed away on September 4, 2019; and

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WHEREAS, Jack Allen was born in Newman to Ray and Lela Albin Allen on October 27, 1926; he graduated from Newman High School, where he played football and the trombone; he married Wilma Armstrong in 1949 and served in the U.S. Army; and

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WHEREAS, Jack Allen worked at USI and was a partner in the Tuscola John Deere dealership; he later co-founded the Dodge/Chrysler/Plymouth dealership; and

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WHEREAS, In 1974, Jack Allen was elected County Clerk for Douglas County and served in that position through 1990; prior to being County Clerk, he was a county board member and a Tuscola City Alderman; and

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WHEREAS, Jack Allen was a 50-year member of Newman Masonic Lodge #369, where he served as Worshipful Master; he was a 50-year member of Tuscola Chapter #66 Royal Arch Masons, where he served as Excellent High Priest; he loved model trains, his ukuleles, and playing the piano; he was a trombonist in Gene Trimble's orchestra; he also enjoyed finishing antique farm

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1 toys, yard work, taking care of his house, playing golf, trips
2 to Florida, and visiting family; he was a member of Tuscola
3 United Methodist Church and never missed a meeting of the I & I
4 Club; he was a Paul Harris Fellow and longtime member of the
5 Tuscola Rotary Club; and

6 WHEREAS, Jack Allen rarely missed a weekday morning at
7 Flesor's Candy Kitchen for breakfast with Don, Red, Jim, Dale,
8 and others and came prepared with a very heavy bottle of
9 quarters for the 9 o'clock game of the Sons of Retirement at
10 the back table; and

11 WHEREAS, Jack Allen was preceded in death by his daughter,
12 Ginger; and

13 WHEREAS, Jack Allen is survived by his wife, Wilma; his
14 daughter, Debra; his grandsons, Spencer A. Smith and Jack J.
15 Heretik; his sister, Martha Crane; his nieces, Connie, Doris,
16 Becky, Linda, Rita, and Marsha; and his nephews Ken, Steve,
17 Jim, Mike, Jerry, Harry, and Richard (Sexton); therefore, be it

18 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL
19 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
20 Jack Albin Allen and extend our sincere condolences to his
21 family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it
22 further

1 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
2 presented to the family of Jack Allen as an expression of our
3 deepest sympathy.