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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 R. "Jim" Gallagher of East Moline, who passed away on April 13, 2019; and

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WHEREAS, Jim Gallagher was born in East Moline to E. Roy and Myrtis Dykes Gallagher on July 27, 1935; he graduated from United Township High School in 1953 and attended the University of Illinois on a Rock Island Railroad scholarship; he graduated in 1957 with an engineering degree and married Joan Getty; and

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WHEREAS, Jim Gallagher served in the U.S. Navy for five years on active duty and 20 years in the Naval Reserve; he achieved the rank of Captain in the Civil Engineer Corp with various duties, including serving in the Panama Canal Zone and as Commanding Officer of the 26th Seabee Battalion headquartered in Glenview; his duties took him to every state in the U.S. and eight foreign countries; and

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WHEREAS, Jim Gallagher was employed as a civilian by the U.S. Army at Rock Island Arsenal, serving as project engineer on the Copperhead Artillery Shell, the M203 Grenade Launcher Attachment, and as the Army's Chief Engineer on the M16 Rifle; for the last 14 years, he served as Director of the Industrial Engineering Activity; he retired as a GS-15; and

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1           WHEREAS, Jim Gallagher attended the National Defense  
2 University in Washington, D.C., the Federal Executive  
3 Institute in Charlottesville, Virginia, and Jungle Warfare  
4 School in Panama; and

5           WHEREAS, Jim Gallagher received numerous awards and  
6 recognitions from both the Army and Navy; he was named by the  
7 American Legion as the most decorated Air Force ROTC cadet at  
8 the University of Illinois; and

9           WHEREAS, After retirement from the Navy and Army, Jim  
10 Gallagher was employed for 10 years by the Illinois  
11 Environmental Protection Agency as an Air Pollution Control  
12 Engineer, retiring in December 2000; he remained active with  
13 his 185-acre tree farm near Viola; he was a member of the  
14 National Defense Executive Reserve; and

15           WHEREAS, Jim Gallagher was a 32nd Degree Mason; he was  
16 listed in Who's Who in the Midwest and Who's Who in Technology;  
17 he was a past president of Delta Phi Social Fraternity at the  
18 University of Illinois, past president of the local chapter of  
19 the American Defense Preparedness Association, and past  
20 president of the Navy Reserve Association; he served  
21 voluntarily for several years as a consultant to the  
22 engineering departments of Iowa State University and St.

1 Ambrose University; and

2 WHEREAS, Jim Gallagher was preceded in death by his  
3 parents and his sisters, Reba Gallagher and Wanda Reeves; and

4 WHEREAS, Jim Gallagher is survived by his wife, Joan; his  
5 children, Kathryn Douglass, Jeffrey Gallagher, Cynthia Ross,  
6 and Joel (Marta) Gallagher; eight grandchildren; 10  
7 great-grandchildren; and his sister, Patricia Place;  
8 therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL  
10 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of  
11 James R. "Jim" Gallagher and extend our sincere condolences to  
12 his family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it  
13 further

14 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
15 presented to the family of Jim Gallagher as an expression of  
16 our deepest sympathy.