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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 Richard Thomas "Dick" Gainey of Coal Valley, who passed away on July 16, 2019; and

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WHEREAS, Dick Gainey was born in Erie to Stacey and Harriet Gainey on February 26, 1926; he served in the United States Marines during World War II and participated in the Battle of Okinawa and the occupation of Japan; he married Agnes Van den Berghe in September 1951; the first in his family to go to college, he earned a Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering from Bradley University in 1952; and

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WHEREAS, Dick Gainey began his career at John Deere; in 1957, he moved to California to pursue a career in aerospace; he worked on the environmental control system for the Apollo command module, specifically the oxygen pressure regulator, water valve, and cryogenic tanks; later, he was the responsible engineering authority for a space-qualified, closed-loop cryogenic cooler to cool infrared sensors to ten degrees kelvin; he was instrumental in the development of the Maverick Missile, which is still in use today; and

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WHEREAS, Dick Gainey was an active member of St. James Catholic Church in Redondo Beach for over 50 years; following

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1 his retirement, he and Agnes ran the church's program for the
2 homeless for over 20 years; recently, they received the Shining
3 Star Award for their service to the parish community; and

4 WHEREAS, Dick Gainey is survived by his wife of 68 years,
5 Agnes; his children, James (Susan), Daniel, Steven (Debra), and
6 Jeanine (Keith); his grandchildren, Kathryn, Kristopher,
7 Kimberly, Kylene, Kurtis, Patrick, Timothy, Maren, Ryanne,
8 Neil, and Angela; his six great-grandchildren; and his sister,
9 Mary Newton; therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL
11 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
12 Richard Thomas "Dick" Gainey and extend our sincere condolences
13 to his family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be
14 it further

15 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
16 presented to the family of Dick Gainey as an expression of our
17 deepest sympathy.