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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Senate of the State of Illinois learned with regret of the death of Milton R. "Dick" Allen of Granite City, a former Madison County state's attorney, on Wednesday, December 17, 2003; and

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WHEREAS, Mr. Allen valiantly served his country with the United States Army's 13th Armored Division in Europe during World War II and was the recipient of a Bronze Star; and

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WHEREAS, A lifelong resident of Granite City, Mr. Allen graduated from Illinois College in Jacksonville and later enrolled at the St. Louis University School of Law; while attending law school, Mr. Allen worked as a laborer and oiler; he earned his law degree in 1955 and practiced law in Granite City for about 40 years; and

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WHEREAS, Mr. Allen served as an assistant public defender and assistant state's attorney in Madison County and as a city attorney for Granite City; he was elected in 1984 and served one term as Madison County's top prosecutor; and

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WHEREAS, As state's attorney, Mr. Allen helped start programs that dealt with delinquent child support, domestic violence, and elderly victims; he was a champion of equal rights and fair treatment and did not believe that anyone was above the law; and

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WHEREAS, Mr. Allen was politically active and helped campaign for many State and local Democrats; he organized the Madison County Youth Democrats and the Granite City Democratic Club; he helped organize the Democratic Federation of Illinois and was appointed downstate organizational director of the federation by U.S. Senator Paul Simon; he was a former city chairman of the Granite City Democratic Committee; and

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1 WHEREAS, Mr. Allen was a former board member of the
2 Tri-City Area YMCA and a past president and longtime board
3 member of Coordinated Youth and Human Services of Granite City,
4 a social service agency that works with people in need; and

5 WHEREAS, The passing of Milton R. "Dick" Allen has been
6 deeply felt by many, especially his sons, Michael Allen and
7 Dana Allen; his daughter, Cynthia Dutra-Silveira; and his three
8 grandchildren; therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-THIRD GENERAL
10 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
11 Milton R. "Dick" Allen, and we extend our deepest sympathy to
12 his friends, family, 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 Milton R. "Dick" Allen as an
16 expression of our sincerest condolences.