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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, Senator Dan Rutherford has represented the  
3 citizens of central Illinois with merit in the General Assembly  
4 for 18 years; and

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WHEREAS, He has served with distinction in the Illinois  
6 Senate after 5 honorable terms in the Illinois House of  
7 Representatives; and

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WHEREAS, Senator Rutherford's legislative priorities have  
9 been those with regard to protecting the taxpayers and their  
10 wallets, nursing home residents, agricultural interests,  
11 business development, and job creation; and

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WHEREAS, His tireless devotion to nursing home issues has  
13 earned him numerous awards from health care and senior citizen  
14 advocacy groups from across Illinois; and

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WHEREAS, He was the legislative author of a bill to convert  
16 the reimbursement rates for nursing homes to the "Minimum Date  
17 Set," based on the health condition of the resident; and

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WHEREAS, He has sponsored legislation which curtailed  
onerous governmental intrusion such as the 2004 legislation to  
curb "infamous" public health department inspections of

1 non-commercial potlucks and the 2009 legislation to scale back  
2 regulatory burdens placed on contestants of amateur martial  
3 arts; and

4 WHEREAS, He has led efforts to ensure that the Department  
5 of Corrections is working in the best interest of those  
6 citizens whose lives are affected by the department and  
7 successfully worked against roving-prison closure policies on  
8 two occasions, which if enacted, would have jeopardized public  
9 safety and would have threatened the livelihood of thousands of  
10 Illinois citizens; and

11 WHEREAS, His steadfast opposition to the growing number of  
12 Illinois specialty license plates for vehicles has earned him  
13 the respect of the law enforcement community; and

14 WHEREAS, He has always recognized the need to work with  
15 legislators on both sides of the aisle and in both chambers  
16 regardless of their stance on public policy; and

17 WHEREAS, He and his legislative staff's constituent  
18 services have been a staple of the Senator's dedication to his  
19 District; and

20 WHEREAS, He was selected to serve as an Assistant Senate  
21 Republican Leader in 2009; and

1           WHEREAS, Senator Rutherford is currently the only member of  
2 the General Assembly to have served on a House of  
3 Representatives Investigative Impeachment Committee and Senate  
4 Impeachment Tribunal Committee as part of two separate  
5 impeachment processes; and

6           WHEREAS, He has served as the ranking Republican on the  
7 Senate Financial Institutions Committee during his entire  
8 tenure in the Illinois Senate, working to protect consumers  
9 from overbearing fees and predatory business practices; and

10           WHEREAS, He served on the General Assembly's Joint  
11 Committee on Administrative Rules while in the House of  
12 Representatives and the Senate and observes that "JCAR is the  
13 sharp end of the stick in making public policy"; and

14           WHEREAS, Dan Rutherford was the executive director of the  
15 Illinois for Ronald Reagan's 1980 Election to the Office of the  
16 President of the United States; and

17           WHEREAS, He served as President of the Student Body at  
18 Illinois State University; and

19           WHEREAS, He has traveled to all seven continents, including  
20 a stint in Antarctica and leading safaris in Africa, and has

1 logged more than 200 deep sea dives across the globe; and

2 WHEREAS, He has successfully worked with the ServiceMaster  
3 Company for 25 years; and

4 WHEREAS, He has planted more than 19,000 trees and shrubs  
5 on his personal property to promote reforestation and wildlife  
6 habitat; and

7 WHEREAS, He graduated from Pontiac Township High School;  
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9 WHEREAS, He earned a Bachelor of Science degree in business  
10 administration from Illinois State University, where he has  
11 been admitted into the Hall of Fame for both the College of  
12 Business and the College of Arts and Sciences; and

13 WHEREAS, In his 18 years as a lawmaker, Dan Rutherford has  
14 represented his constituents in Springfield with determination  
15 and class, earning the respect and admiration of his colleagues  
16 on both sides of the aisle; and

17 WHEREAS, Lawmakers and staff alike know and appreciate  
18 Senator Rutherford for his work ethic; therefore, be it

19 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-SIXTH GENERAL

1 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we congratulate Dan  
2 Rutherford on his retirement from the Illinois General Assembly  
3 after 18 years of honorable and dedicated service and on his  
4 election as Treasurer of the State of Illinois; and be it  
5 further

6 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
7 presented to Dan Rutherford as a symbol of our friendship, our  
8 gratitude for his hard work, and our best wishes for his future  
9 service as the Treasurer of the State of Illinois.