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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 Robert Chase "Bob" McAllister, formerly of Danvers, who passed away on April 12, 2020; and

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WHEREAS, Bob McAllister was born in Galesburg to John Howard and Marie A. Smith McAllister on March 23, 1936; he graduated from Pittsfield High School in 1954; he earned a Bachelor of Arts from Knox College in 1958 and a Master of Arts in 1960; he worked as a research associate at Northwestern University from April 1960 to May 1961, when he was called to serve in the military; he married Beverly Sampson at Greenview Christian Church on June 18, 1961; he served in the U.S. Army from 1961 to 1963; and

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WHEREAS, Alongside his brother John A., Bob McAllister co-owned and operated Danvers Lumber Company, which their father purchased in 1956; he and his brother also owned and operated the McAllister Lumber Company in Minier from 1979 to 1995; prior to retirement, he completed his time in the lumber business with the Hundman Lumber Company in Bloomington; and

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WHEREAS, Bob McAllister was a member of Minier Christian Church, where he sang in the worship choir and was an adult Sunday school teacher; he was involved in a number of

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1 organizations, including the Christian Church Campus Ministry  
2 Board at Illinois State University, the Danvers Lions Club, the  
3 Danvers Lodge AF & AM 742, the Danvers Advisory Council, the  
4 Olympia Advisory Council, and the Minier Association of  
5 Commerce; he served as the Danvers Township clerk and as  
6 co-chairman of the Danvers Bicentennial Committee; he played  
7 trombone in the Danvers Town Band for over 50 years; and

8 WHEREAS, Bob McAllister truly enjoyed conversation,  
9 spending time with his family, and seeing this great country;  
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11 WHEREAS, Bob McAllister was preceded in death by his  
12 parents; an infant sister; his brother, John A.; and an infant  
13 daughter, Roberta; and

14 WHEREAS, Bob McAllister is survived by his wife; his  
15 children, Phyllis (David) Eversole, Sharon (John) Neeley, and  
16 James (Jennifer Deigl) McAllister; his grandchildren, Lauren  
17 (Adam) Tomlinson, Amanda (Caleb) Bent, Grace (Jake) Simons,  
18 Michael Neeley, Adelle McAllister, and Henry McAllister; his  
19 great-grandsons, Nathanael Tomlinson and Caleb Tomlinson; and  
20 his sister-in-law, Dalene McAllister; therefore, be it

21 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL  
22 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of

1 Robert Chase "Bob" McAllister and extend our sincere  
2 condolences to his family, friends, and all who knew and loved  
3 him; and be it further

4 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
5 presented to the family of Bob McAllister as an expression of  
6 our deepest sympathy.