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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 Donald Hacker "Don" Scherwat, who passed away on on March 10, 2020; and

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WHEREAS, Don Scherwat was born in Chicago to Josephine and Bill Scherwat on September 15, 1927; he graduated from Senn High School and the University of Illinois, where he was a member of the Alpha Tau Omega fraternity and was captain of the swimming team; he served in the U.S. Navy in World War II aboard the LST 1026 in the Pacific; and

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WHEREAS, Don Scherwat began work as a teacher in District 64 in North Chicago and was drafted into the U.S. Army during the Korean War; he served in Japan, playing the trombone in the band, welcoming dignitaries off the plane, and playing in honky tonk bars at night; and

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WHEREAS, Don Scherwat returned to his teaching career and was soon offered the job of business manager for District 64, where he spent his entire career; and

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WHEREAS, Don Scherwat retired and spent his days at the Bonnie Brook Golf Course selling golf balls and fishing in Iron River, Wisconsin whenever he could; he moved to Florida in 2007

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1 after the passing of Rosemary and met the second love of his
2 life, Annie Yates; and

3 WHEREAS, Don Scherwat was an expert swimmer; he worked as a
4 lifeguard on Lake Michigan at the Chicago beaches, and his love
5 of water continued with a 60-year fishing tradition, the Skal
6 Cup Memorial Day fishing tournament, which carries on through
7 his grandsons; he treasured his friendships, especially a group
8 of lifelong friends who called themselves the Lucky Club and
9 played golf and had raucous holiday parties together; and

10 WHEREAS, Don Scherwat played competitive volleyball into
11 his 60s with men half his age; he was honored by the AARP for 20
12 years of volunteer tax preparation; he was also a prize-winning
13 gardener; and

14 WHEREAS, Don Scherwat was preceded in death by his wife,
15 Rosemary (Musso); his parents; his brother, Bob Scherwat; and
16 his sister, Carole Muret; and

17 WHEREAS, Don Scherwat is survived by his daughters, Tish
18 (Ken) Pasiewicz and Mary Ellen Montavon (Dennis Hildebrand);
19 his grandsons, Mike and Scott Ratkiewicz; his Florida soul
20 mate, Annie Yates; and his nieces and nephews; therefore, be it

21 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL

1 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
2 Donald Hacker "Don" Scherwat and extend our sincere condolences
3 to his family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be
4 it further

5 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
6 presented to the family of Don Scherwat as an expression of our
7 deepest sympathy.