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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 Ronald J. "Ron" Stone of Springfield, who passed away on November 30, 2023; and

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WHEREAS, Ron Stone was born in Springfield to Robert G. Sr. and Leona Ellen Bennett Stone on July 29, 1952; he graduated from Glenwood High School in Chatham and received his Bachelor of Arts in Business from Bowling Green State University in 1974; he received his Juris Doctor from the Southern Illinois University School of Law in 1977 and was admitted to the bar the same year; he married Sheri Lynn Smith in Springfield on March 3, 1990; and

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WHEREAS, Ron Stone began working as an assistant district attorney in Springfield after law school; in 1983, he began working at Arco-Alaska's Prudhoe Bay oil production facilities, supplying the Trans-Alaska pipeline as a material logistics coordinator; and

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WHEREAS, Ron Stone started private practice with the law office of Stratton, Stone, Kopec & Sturm, specializing in the field of civil and criminal litigation, labor and employment law, and administrative law; he later started his own firm, Stone Law Office, and retired in 2021 with over 45 years of

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1 practice; one highlight of his career was representing the
2 Springfield Police Benevolent and Protective Association Unit
3 5, the union that represents city police officers, for more
4 than 35 years; and

5 WHEREAS, Ron Stone played right wing on the ice hockey
6 team while at Bowling Green State University; he also played
7 for the Pekin Stars and the Peoria Blades before embarking on a
8 semi-professional Continental Hockey League run as #17 and
9 spending time intermittently as captain and coach of the
10 Springfield Kings from 1976 to 1983, culminating as the 1980
11 Walmar Cup champions; and

12 WHEREAS, Ron Stone enjoyed playing hockey weekly with the
13 Nelson Center Men's League, classic rock, yardwork, making
14 friends with the neighborhood squirrels, convertibles,
15 boating, grilling, cliff diving, hanging at the Elks Club,
16 water skiing, snow skiing, softball at the Anchor Boat Club,
17 driveway basketball, and making his famous popcorn; he loved
18 teasing his nieces and nephews who referred to him as Uncle
19 Barney, watching them play sports, and spending time with
20 Sheri and their family and friends; and

21 WHEREAS, Ron Stone was preceded in death by his parents;
22 his twin siblings, Ellen Lee Stone and Richard Allen Stone;
23 his brother, Robert G. Stone Jr.; and his sister-in-law,

1 Jacqueline Clemens Stone; and

2 WHEREAS, Ron Stone is survived by his wife, Sheri; his
3 brother, Rik (Tammy) Stone; his nieces, Heather (James) Stone,
4 Morgan (Brendan) Padget, and Dakota Stone (Nick Janiszewski);
5 his nephews, Justin (Kristy) Stone and Trevor (Melanie) Stone;
6 his great-nephews, Alec Stone and Michael Loureiro; his
7 sister-in-law, Marilee Tolan Stone; and his cousins;
8 therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL
10 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
11 Ronald J. "Ron" Stone and extend our sincere condolences to
12 his family, friends, 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 Ron Stone as an expression of our
16 deepest sympathy.