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## SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Senate of the State of Illinois were saddened to learn of the death of Frank H. Boyne of Belleville on Wednesday, March 19, 2003; and

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WHEREAS, Mr. Boyne was born on December 29, 1923 in East St. Louis to Patrick A. and Johanna C., nee Healy, Boyne; he enlisted in the U.S. Navy on the day that he was of age, December 29, 1941; and

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WHEREAS, Mr. Boyne valiantly served his country in the U.S. Navy submarine corps; he served on the submarine USS Bumper in the Pacific Theatre during World War II; he was on the regional naval boxing team and had an undefeated amateur career; and

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WHEREAS, Following his honorable discharge, Mr. Boyne fought one professional boxing match; it was a victory and he retired undefeated; he will be remembered as someone who never picked a fight, never backed down from a fight, and never lost a fight; and

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WHEREAS, Mr. Boyne was a machinist and worked until he retired from the St. Louis Post Dispatch in 1986; he was a member of the Ancient Order of Hibernians, a Bishop Zuroweste Assembly Fourth Degree member of Knights of Columbus Council 592, the International Association of Mechanists, the American Legion, and the Disabled Veterans; he was a former Boy Scout leader and an active member of Blessed Sacrament Parish; he was a member of the Belleville Democratic Club and a lifelong member of the Democratic Party; and

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WHEREAS, Mr. Boyne was elected to serve as Belleville city alderman in 1979 and was elected to the St. Clair County Board in 1982, where he served for over 20 years; he was appointed St. Clair County Board vice-chairman and devoted

1 his life to the betterment of St. Clair County; and

2 WHEREAS, Mr. Boyne will be remembered as a family man;  
3 his family was his passion; his passing has been deeply felt  
4 by all who knew him, especially his wife of 51 years, Mary  
5 M., nee Downey, Boyne; his four children, John Boyne, Kevin  
6 Boyne, Maureen (Dennis) Munch, and Terrance Boyne; his seven  
7 grandchildren, Christopher, Zachary, Madelyn, Augie, and  
8 Alexander Boyne, and Courtney and Colin Munch; his  
9 brother-in-law, Ernest Blaise; and his nieces, nephews,  
10 cousins, and many dear friends; therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE THE NINETY-THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
12 OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of Frank  
13 H. Boyne and extend to his family and friends our sincere  
14 condolences; and be it further

15 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
16 presented to the family of Frank H. Boyne as a token of our  
17 deepest sympathy.