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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 W. "Don" Irish, who passed away on February 18, 2025; and

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WHEREAS, Don Irish was born in Peoria, the second of two sons born to Thomas and Marvel (Skiles) Irish, on June 8, 1933; he served with the U.S. Air Force during the Korean War; and

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WHEREAS, Don Irish married the love of his life, Carol Lovin, on February 8, 1953, and together, they built a strong and loving family in Peoria's West Bluff neighborhood near the campus of Bradley University; and

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WHEREAS, Don Irish pursued a career as a meat cutter and store manager following his military service, before joining Caterpillar, where he served as a traffic management specialist and accounts payable manager; and

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WHEREAS, Don Irish was a man of strong faith and an active member of the United Presbyterian Church of Peoria, where he found spiritual fulfillment and community; and

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WHEREAS, Don Irish was an avid golfer and achieved the remarkable feat of three holes-in-one throughout his lifetime;

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2 WHEREAS, Don Irish was a dedicated and passionate fan of  
3 the Chicago Cubs and the Bradley University men's basketball  
4 team, sharing his love for sports with family and friends,  
5 oftentimes spending his afternoons getting sandwiches and  
6 watching the game; and

7 WHEREAS, Don Irish's kindness, dedication, and unwavering  
8 love for his family and community will forever be remembered  
9 by those whose lives he touched; and

10 WHEREAS, Don Irish was preceded in death by his parents;  
11 his brother, Terrance Irish; and one grandson; and

12 WHEREAS, Don Irish is survived by his wife of 72 years,  
13 Carol; his children, Thomas (Gloria) Irish, David (Lynda)  
14 Irish, Michael (Kelly) Irish, and Leanne (Brad) Dunn; 10  
15 grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren; therefore, be it

16 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL  
17 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of  
18 Donald W. "Don" Irish and extend our sincere condolences to  
19 his family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it  
20 further

1           RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
2 presented to the family of Don Irish as an expression of our  
3 deepest sympathy.