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1 SENATE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate are saddened
3 to learn of the death of Howard Lane Beagles, who passed away
4 on April 13, 2026; and

5 WHEREAS, Howard Beagles was born to Eugene and Frances
6 (McGurk) Beagles in Indianapolis, Indiana on July 9, 1928;
7 during the era of the Great Depression, he went to live with
8 his aunt and uncle, Margaret "Maudie" (McGurk) and Guy
9 Briscoe, in Springfield, Illinois, where he was raised and
10 continued to live for many decades; he served in the United
11 States Navy beginning in the spring of 1946, refurbishing
12 battleships in California at the end of World War II;
13 following his service, he returned home and married Mary Anne
14 Renfro at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in
15 Springfield on February 2, 1948, and she preceded him in death
16 after 62 years of marriage on November 9, 2010; and

17 WHEREAS, Howard Beagles, a decent and humble man, worked
18 very hard to take care of his family; he was employed at the
19 Allis Chalmers Factory for years and then served the
20 Springfield Fire Department for three decades beginning in
21 1960, retiring as fire marshal 30 years later; his commitment
22 to public safety and his colleagues earned him deep respect
23 throughout the community; and

1 WHEREAS, Howard Beagles was baptized into the Catholic
2 faith on September 23, 1928; he and his wife were devoted
3 parishioners of the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception,
4 where they raised their family, served in the adult choir, and
5 dedicated countless hours to parish activities, including PTA
6 leadership, bingo nights, ice cream socials, and parish
7 dinners; he was also a longtime member of the St. Vincent de
8 Paul Society, carrying his faith into service to others; and

9 WHEREAS, Howard Beagles enjoyed playing pinochle and
10 spending time with family and friends in retirement, visiting
11 his children across Illinois and Tennessee; he moved in with
12 his daughter and son-in-law, Rita and Allen, in 2015, and he
13 later divided his time between their home, the home of his son
14 and daughter-in-law, Gerry and Cindy, in Palos Heights, and
15 the home of his daughter, Anne, in Murfreesboro, Tennessee;
16 and

17 WHEREAS, Howard Beagles' life was defined by faith,
18 service, and love of family; he will be remembered for his
19 kindness, humor, laughter, and storytelling; and

20 WHEREAS, Howard Beagles was preceded in death by his son,
21 Barry Joseph (widow, April) Beagles; and

1 WHEREAS, Howard Beagles is survived by his children, Anne
2 Raymond, Rita (Allen) Drake, Gerry (Cindy Haworth) Beagles,
3 Fr. David Beagles, and Tom (Holly) Beagles; 15 grandchildren;
4 and 32 great-grandchildren, with one more on the way;
5 therefore, be it

6 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL
7 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
8 Howard Lane Beagles and extend our sincere condolences to his
9 family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it
10 further

11 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
12 presented to the family of Howard Beagles as an expression of
13 our deepest sympathy.