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HOUSE RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of Representatives are saddened to learn of the death of Dallas Ingemunson, who passed away on November 4, 2023; and

WHEREAS, Dallas Ingemunson was born to Clare and Dorothy Ingemunson in Sandwich on May 23, 1938; he studied locally and graduated from Newark High School; and

WHEREAS, Dallas Ingemunson received a bachelor's degree in electrical engineering from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign and a Juris Doctor from DePaul Law School in 1965; and

WHEREAS, As a member of the Illinois Bar Association, Dallas Ingemunson began practicing as an Assistant State's Attorney of Kendall County; he was mentored by the elected chief of his office, Robert Ohse; and

WHEREAS, After Robert Ohse died in office, Dallas Ingemunson was selected by the Kendall County Board to serve as State's Attorney of Kendall County; he was then elected by his neighbors to serve a full term and subsequently served six terms as the prosecutorial law officer of his fast-growing county; and

1 WHEREAS, Dallas Ingemunson was chosen by his fellow
2 Republicans to be the Republican County Chairperson of Kendall
3 County; during his chairmanship, Kendall County was one of the
4 most Republican counties in the State of Illinois; for
5 example, in the 1984 United States Presidential Election,
6 President Ronald Reagan carried Kendall County with 73.8% of
7 the vote, the fourth-highest percentage among all the counties
8 in Illinois in that year; and

9 WHEREAS, As a leader of his political party, Dallas
10 Ingemunson served as treasurer of the Republican Party of
11 Illinois and as interim chairperson of the Illinois Republican
12 Party; and

13 WHEREAS, As a state's attorney, Dallas Ingemunson led the
14 charge to create the Office of the Illinois State's Attorneys
15 Appellate Prosecutor, the Springfield-based office that
16 assists in prosecuting criminal cases when requested to do so
17 and at the direction of a state's attorney, and was solely
18 prosecuting criminal cases when duly appointed by a court
19 having jurisdiction; and

20 WHEREAS, The dedicated personnel of this office, which
21 Dallas Ingemunson helped to create, have played a key role in
22 the prosecutions of some of Illinois' worst criminal acts; and

1 WHEREAS, As state's attorney and as county chairman of his
2 party, Dallas Ingemunson was a friend to many and a mentor to a
3 surprising number; former House Republican Leader Tom Cross,
4 who also shares Kendall County heritage, is high among those
5 who knew him as a close friend and guide; and

6 WHEREAS, In 1996, Dallas Ingemunson moved from public
7 service into the private practice of law, a vocation in which
8 he continued his work, buttressed his standing as a Kendall
9 County community leader, and added to his lengthening list of
10 friends; and

11 WHEREAS, Many Illinoisans of all political persuasions can
12 remember Dallas Ingemunson telling stories about the quirks of
13 Illinois life with many of the best stories only being told at
14 fishing lakes and camps with some of these stories getting
15 better each time they were told; and

16 WHEREAS, While working hard as a student in law school,
17 Dallas Ingemunson married his true love and partner, Dodie
18 Ingemunson on October 5, 1963; they were together for more
19 than 60 years, and by the end of their journey, they had three
20 sons, Gregg, Kirk, and Boyd, two daughters-in-law, Kate and
21 Kathy, and ten grandchildren, as well as countless friends and
22 kinsfolk; therefore, be it

1 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
2 HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
3 we mourn the passing of Dallas Ingemunson and extend our
4 sincere condolences to his family, friends, and all who knew
5 and loved him; and be it further

6 RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be presented to
7 Dodie Ingemunson as our expression of sorrow at his loss and in
8 remembrance of his service to the people of Kendall County and
9 of Illinois.