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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 Laurence A. "Larry" Dondanville of Deerfield, who passed away on January 1, 2023; and

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WHEREAS, Larry Dondanville was born in Rock Island to Dr. Laurence and Eva (Ender) Dondanville on March 28, 1928 and was raised in Moline; he attended St. Ambrose Academy in Davenport, Iowa and graduated from Purdue University in 1950 with a degree in civil engineering; he was inducted into the U.S. Army and used his civil engineering skills as a corporal in a topographic battalion in the Philippines from 1950 to 1952; the following year, he married Rose Mary Lacey in Washington, D.C., and they moved to Chicago; and

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WHEREAS, Larry Dondanville moved his family to Deerfield in 1956 onto the land where his mother had grown up and that had been in his family since 1901; he designed the plans and oversaw the construction of their home, where he lived for the next 62 years; and

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WHEREAS, Larry Dondanville worked at De Leuw, Cather & Company, a Chicago-based consulting engineering firm; he had a successful career as a civil engineer and worked on projects around the world, including the suspension bridge across the

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1 Bosphorus Straits in Istanbul, Turkey, the Kuwait and Abu
2 Dhabi Motorway Systems, the Sydney and Perth Australia
3 Expressway Systems, and the Mass Rapid Transit Rail Systems in
4 Singapore and Taipei; and

5 WHEREAS, Larry Dondanville enjoyed traveling with his
6 friends and family in his retirement and took his family on
7 trips to Hawaii, Europe, Alaska, and the Caribbean; and

8 WHEREAS, Larry Dondanville was a man of many talents and
9 was dedicated to his community; he was proud to be descended
10 from the founders of Deerfield who donated much to the
11 building of Holy Cross Catholic Parish, the rectory, church,
12 and school; he kept his yard impeccably maintained and was
13 actively engaged in the village; he was also deeply interested
14 in his family history and kept genealogy records for decades,
15 eventually creating a website to connect the Dondanville
16 family worldwide; and

17 WHEREAS, Larry Dondanville was preceded in death by his
18 wife, Rose Mary; his parents; his brother, Dr. Louis
19 Dondanville; and his sister, Patricia Fieweger; and

20 WHEREAS, Larry Dondanville is survived by his daughters,
21 Margaret (Keith Cooley), Jeanne Kodner, and Catherine (Dave
22 Karam); his son, Larry Jr. (Cathy); his grandchildren, Luke,

1 Colleen, Sean, Lindsey, and Kevin; his great-grandchildren,
2 Roya, Isabelle, Rowan, and Fiona; his sister, Catherine
3 Dondanville; his brother, John (Maureen) Dondanville; and
4 numerous nieces and nephews; therefore, be it

5 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL
6 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
7 Laurence A. "Larry" Dondanville and extend our sincere
8 condolences to his family, friends, and all who knew and loved
9 him; and be it further

10 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
11 presented to the family of Larry Dondanville as an expression
12 of our deepest sympathy.