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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 Robert William Carlson, who passed away on June 16, 2022 at the age of 89; and

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WHEREAS, Robert Carlson was born on September 26, 1932 in Chicago, the eldest child of Dorothy and William Carlson; and

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WHEREAS, Robert Carlson was a member of the Boy Scouts of America, earning his Eagle Scout Badge; and

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WHEREAS, Robert Carlson graduated from Chicago Christian High School and Carleton College and served as a U.S. naval aviator, stationed in Iwakuni, Japan, as a lieutenant; and

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WHEREAS, Robert Carlson, upon his return, began his business career in management consulting and became the chief financial officer at Bronson and Bratton, a manufacturing company in Burr Ridge; and

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WHEREAS, Robert Carlson and his wife Barbara (Koch) were married in 1961 and lived in Oak Park and River Forest for the next 60 years; and

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WHEREAS, Robert Carlson was an active member of Grace

1 Lutheran Church in River Forest, where he served in numerous
2 lay leadership positions; and

3 WHEREAS, Robert Carlson was on the board of the SAFER
4 Foundation and was actively involved in Bible studies and
5 tutoring with inmates at Cook County Jail; and

6 WHEREAS, Robert Carlson was a lifelong runner and enjoyed
7 playing ice hockey, baseball, and tennis well into his later
8 years; and

9 WHEREAS, Robert Carlson always cheered for the Chicago
10 Cubs and Blackhawks; and

11 WHEREAS, Robert Carlson was introduced to the Japanese
12 language and culture during his time in the Navy, and they
13 remained an essential part of his life as did the many Japanese
14 friends he met throughout his lifetime; and

15 WHEREAS, Robert Carlson and his wife loved to entertain
16 and opened their home to visitors from abroad, hosting their
17 stay for months to travel or study; and

18 WHEREAS, Robert Carlson loved the simple things in life,
19 including his famous relish and cookie smashes; and

1 WHEREAS, Robert Carlson was preceded in death by his son,
2 Brad, who died in infancy; and

3 WHEREAS, At the time of his passing, Robert Carlson was
4 survived by his wife, Barbara; his sons, Bob Jr., Bill, and
5 Brian; his grandchildren, Ryan, Bradley, Will, and Nick (Bob
6 Jr. and Gayle), Micah and Anaka (Bill and Konni), and Kiernan
7 and Charlie (Brain and Sarah); his sisters, Louise C.
8 Sinclair and Jane Carlson; and his brother, Genichi Nagao;
9 therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL
11 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
12 Robert Carlson and extend our sincere condolences to his
13 family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it
14 further

15 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
16 presented to the family of Robert Carlson as an expression of
17 our deepest sympathy.