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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 Ralph S. Hurwitz of Springfield, who passed away on October 18, 2023; and

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WHEREAS, Ralph Hurwitz was born to Henry and Bertha (Chason) Hurwitz in Petersburg on September 8, 1924; he enlisted in the U.S. Army on November 17, 1943, serving in the Medical Detachment 399th Infantry in the European Theater; he earned the Medical Badge, the Distinguished Unit Badge, the American Theater Ribbon, the Fame Theater Ribbon with two bronze stars, the World War II Victory Medal with two Overseas Bars, and the Purple Heart; he was honorably discharged on May 15, 1946; he attended Iowa State University and earned his Bachelor of Science in Forestry and Economics from the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign; he married Betty Greenberg on April 10, 1949; and

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WHEREAS, Ralph Hurwitz began working as executive vice president and chairman of the Policy Management Committee for the Barker-Lubin Company in 1950; he became a partner with Hurwitz Enterprises in 1970; he was a registered real estate and insurance broker in the State; while he officially retired in 1986, he continued to be active in the real estate profession; and

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1 WHEREAS, Ralph Hurwitz was chairman of the Springfield
2 Airport Authority and a board member of the Memorial Hospital
3 Foundation; he was a member of the Economic Development
4 Council for Springfield and Sangamon County, the Governor's
5 Council of Health and Physical Fitness, the Springfield Art
6 Association, the Sangamo Club, the Springfield Board of
7 Realtors, the Springfield Chamber of Commerce, the Board of
8 Aeronautics Advisor State of Illinois, the Illinois Hotel and
9 Motel Association, the American Hotel and Motel Association,
10 and the National Home Builders Association; he was the past
11 president of Springfield Air Rendezvous and the Springfield
12 Aviation Council; he was also the past chairman of the
13 Governor's Prayer Breakfast Committee and a past board member
14 of Child and Family Services and the Boys Club of America; and

15 WHEREAS, Ralph Hurwitz was proud of his heritage, serving
16 as a member and past president of Temple B'rith Shalom and as a
17 past president of the Springfield Jewish Federation; and

18 WHEREAS, Ralph Hurwitz received the Sertoma Service to
19 Mankind Award and the Golden Boy Award from the Boys Club of
20 America; and

21 WHEREAS, Ralph Hurwitz was preceded in death by his
22 daughters, Mary Jean Hurwitz and Lynne Hurwitz-Jackman, and

1 his siblings, Irving and Evelyn; and

2 WHEREAS, Ralph Hurwitz is survived by his wife; his son,
3 Joe (Anna) Hurwitz; his grandchildren, Mary "Mimi" (Katie)
4 Hurwitz, Jake (Amber) Hurwitz, Henry (Kelly) Hurwitz, and
5 Michael (Kayla) Hurwitz; his great-grandchildren, Albie
6 Hurwitz, Hudson Hurwitz, Aubrey Hurwitz, Chloe Hurwitz, Willow
7 Hurwitz, Lola Hurwitz, Theo Hurwitz, Lily Hurwitz, and Charlie
8 Tinsley; and his nieces, nephews, and friends; therefore, be
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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 Ralph S. Hurwitz 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 Ralph Hurwitz as an expression of
17 our deepest sympathy.