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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 Tommy "Tom" Thompson of Springfield, who passed away on April 19, 2023; and

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WHEREAS, Tom Thompson was born in Lincoln on August 24, 1930, the son of Martin and Ida (Stover) Thompson; he graduated from Lincoln Community High School in 1948, where he played football, basketball, and track, and Lincoln College, where he played basketball; he also attended Illinois State University and the University of Illinois; he served in the U.S. Air Force during the Korean War and was stationed in New Jersey; he married Elva "Elvie" Fuchs on April 28, 1956, and she preceded him in death on January 3, 2019; and

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WHEREAS, Tom Thompson worked as a loan officer with CIT, Capital Chrysler Plymouth, and the original Marine Bank for many years; and

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WHEREAS, Tom Thompson was proud of his hometown and enjoyed taking his friends and family on tours of it; he received the key to the City of Lincoln for his 75th birthday; and

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WHEREAS, Tom Thompson was a member of Our Savior's

1 Lutheran Church, where he served as an usher for many years;
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3 WHEREAS, Tom Thompson loved sports and was a lifelong fan
4 of Lincoln High School sports, particularly basketball, and
5 the Chicago Cubs, the Chicago Bears, and the Fighting Illini;
6 as an adult, he was an avid fast pitch softball player and
7 played for the Pluth Tinnners; later in life, he played slow
8 pitch softball, which he continued well into his 60s; he also
9 enjoyed watching and coaching his children's sporting events
10 and attending nearly all of his grandsons' games; and

11 WHEREAS, Tom Thompson loved traveling with his wife, Elva,
12 which including taking many overseas trips, and he visited
13 five continents in his lifetime; he also loved music,
14 particularly big band, show tunes, military songs, and
15 Mariachi music, and telling stories from his past; above all,
16 he loved his family dearly; and

17 WHEREAS, Tom Thompson was preceded in death by his wife;
18 his son, Gary Thompson; and his brother, Richard Thompson; and

19 WHEREAS, Tom Thompson is survived by his daughter, Gayle
20 (Dirk) Eilers; his son, Stu (Patti) Thompson; his grandsons,
21 Zane Thompson, Chase Thompson, and Colton (fiancé, Meagan
22 Gonyon) Eilers; and his many nieces and nephews; therefore, be

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2 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL
3 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
4 Tommy "Tom" Thompson and extend our sincere condolences to his
5 family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it
6 further

7 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
8 presented to the family of Tom Thompson as an expression of our
9 deepest sympathy.