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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 David William Scott, Ph.D. of Springfield, who passed away on March 16, 2024; and

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WHEREAS, Dr. Scott, the son of John L. Scott and Martha Buxton Scott, was born in Evanston on September 17, 1936; he married Virginia Riser in Park Ridge on August 1, 1964; he earned a Bachelor of Arts from Denison University, where he was president of Phi Delta Theta fraternity, a Master of Arts in History from the University of Wisconsin, and a Ph.D. in Political Science from Northwestern University; he also studied at the London School of Economics; and

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WHEREAS, Dr. Scott taught American government courses at Northern Illinois University and part-time at six other Illinois colleges; he joined the staff of the Illinois State Board of Education as a senior policy analyst in 1974, where he managed the school district reorganization program and coordinated task forces, retiring from the board in 1999; and

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WHEREAS, Dr. Scott was dedicated to preserving Illinois heritage and improving the community; he served as vice-president and president of the Illinois State Historical Society (ISHS) from 2001 to 2005; he edited a book

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1 commemorating the bicentennial of Illinois statehood for the  
2 ISHS in 2018; he was a recipient of the organization's  
3 Lifetime Achievement Award; and

4 WHEREAS, Dr. Scott was actively involved with the North  
5 Washington Park Association, the Sangamon County Historical  
6 Society, and the Historic Preservation Association of  
7 Springfield; he was appointed to the Springfield Historic  
8 Sites Commission; he also served as a board member of the World  
9 Affairs Council of Central Illinois and a volunteer docent at  
10 the Old State Capitol; and

11 WHEREAS, Dr. Scott was a lifelong enthusiast of golf,  
12 cards, racquetball, and travel; he and his wife, Virginia,  
13 visited all 50 states and 35 different countries, and he  
14 enjoyed planning vacation trips; he was a 40-year member of  
15 the Christian Perspectives class at First United Methodist  
16 Church and past president of the Cracker Barrel men's club;  
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18 WHEREAS, Dr. Scott was devoted to his family; he authored  
19 a 100-page book on the Scott family history dating back to the  
20 1700s; he will be remembered for his integrity, kindness,  
21 intellect, and loyalty; and

22 WHEREAS, Dr. Scott was preceded in death by his parents

1 and his brothers, Herbert and Richard; and

2 WHEREAS, Dr. Scott is survived by his wife of 59 years,  
3 Virginia; his daughters, Margaret (the late Todd) Izzo and  
4 Elizabeth (Charlie) Budinger; his grandchildren, Katherine  
5 Izzo, Jonathan Izzo, Molly Budinger, and Will Budinger; nine  
6 nieces and nephews; his sister-in-law, Joan Scott; and his  
7 brother-in-law, William Riser; therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL  
9 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of  
10 David William Scott, Ph.D. and extend our sincere condolences  
11 to his family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be  
12 it further

13 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
14 presented to the family of Dr. Scott as an expression of our  
15 deepest sympathy.