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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 "Bob" V. Fox of Danville, who passed away on October 12, 2017; and

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WHEREAS, Bob Fox was born in Danville to George F. and Rhoda Jones Fox on March 14, 1927; he was a lifelong resident of Danville and attended Cannon, Garfield, and Liberty Schools; he graduated from Danville High School, where he participated in cross country and wrestling, in 1945; while a junior in high school, he enlisted in the Headquarters Company of the Illinois Militia and was called to flood duty in Peoria and Cape Girardeau, Missouri; before his graduation from high school, he enlisted in the Navy and served aboard the U.S.S. Sidor during World War II; he married Carryl J. Winfield in Danville on May 7, 1950; and

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WHEREAS, Following his service in the United States Navy, Bob Fox was employed by Illinois Bell Telephone Company in Danville as a Central Office Technician for 35 years; he retired in 1982; and

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WHEREAS, In addition to his work at Illinois Bell, Bob Fox also served in various public offices; he was Assistant Supervisor of Newell Township and a member of the Vermilion

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1 County Board; he later ran for Newell Township Supervisor and
2 held that office for 20 years; he was then again elected to the
3 Vermilion County Board and served until 2016; at one time, he
4 was on the City of Danville's Planning and Zoning Commission;
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6 WHEREAS, Bob Fox was active in Republican politics
7 throughout his adult life; he served as a Republican precinct
8 committeeman for 60 years and worked tirelessly to get the
9 candidates he supported elected; he was an Illinois delegate
10 for George H.W. Bush at the Republican National Convention in
11 New Orleans; after Bush's election, he and his wife were guests
12 at the inauguration in Washington D.C.; he also ran as an
13 alternate convention delegate for Jeb Bush in 2016; and

14 WHEREAS, Bob Fox was a 72-year member of the First
15 Presbyterian Church and a lifelong member of the American
16 Legion Post 210, where he served as commander during the time
17 the present Roselawn Clubhouse was built; he had fond memories
18 of presenting trophies to the winners of the Golden Gloves and
19 called the Legion his second home; he was a 69-year member of
20 the Elks Lodge 332; he was also a member of the Veterans of
21 Foreign Wars Post 728, the Vermilion County Voiture 405 of the
22 40/8, which is the honor society of the American Legion,
23 Telephone Pioneers of America, and Anchor Lodge 980 Ancient
24 Free & Accepted Masons, where he was raised to a Master Mason

1 in 1964; he was his Navy ship's reunion coordinator, a Life
2 Member of the Escort Sailors and Airmen Association, and a
3 member of the Danville Noon Kiwanis; and

4 WHEREAS, Bob Fox also held memberships with the American
5 Association of Retired Persons and the Illinois Association of
6 County Board Members; he was a charter member of the George W.
7 Bush Presidential Center and the first chairman of the E-911
8 board for many years; and

9 WHEREAS, Bob Fox's greatest honor was when the Newell
10 Township and the Vermilion County Boards named a bridge after
11 him in recognition of his 20 years of service to Newell
12 Township; he was also honored by the Republican Party at the
13 Lincoln Day Dinner in 2016; and

14 WHEREAS, Bob Fox was a proud American and citizen of
15 Danville and Vermilion County; he never met a stranger and
16 valued the relationships he established with so many people in
17 Danville; he was proud of his family and their achievements;
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19 WHEREAS, Bob Fox was preceded in death by his parents; and
20 his sisters, Barbara and Dorothy; and

21 WHEREAS, Bob Fox is survived by his wife, Carryl; his

1 children, Teresa (Jim) Novaria and Kenyon (Susan) Fox; his
2 grandchildren, Katie Novaria, Andrew (Christine) Novaria,
3 Nathan Novaria, and Sullivan and Delaney Fox; and his many
4 nieces and nephews; therefore, be it

5 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDREDTH GENERAL
6 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
7 Robert "Bob" V. Fox and extend our sincere condolences to his
8 family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it
9 further

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