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1 SENATE RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate are saddened to learn of the death of Richard J. Short of McHenry, who passed away on March 24, 2018; and

WHEREAS, Richard Short was born in Chicago to James H. and Patricia (Nuccio) Short on February 22, 1931; he married Barbara J. Carnagio at Our Lady of Sorrows Basilica in Chicago on September 6, 1952; he enlisted in the Illinois Air National Guard and he was stationed at the U.S. Air Force Base in Langley, Virginia; he was a gunner and an instructor in the 108th Bomb Squadron until 1952; after serving, he attended the John Marshall Law School and was admitted to the Illinois and Federal Bar in 1957; in 1960, he received a Doctor of Jurisprudence; and

WHEREAS, Richard Short was an attorney for over 60 years, first in Chicago, and then in McHenry County; in 1960, he was appointed to the Cook County Board of Tax Appeals; in 1961, he was appointed as Technical Advisor to the Illinois Department of Revenue; he gained national prominence as an authority on state and local tax law and later served as an Assistant Attorney General; and

WHEREAS, Richard Short served as Chairman of the McHenry

- 1 County Democratic Party, President of the McHenry Chamber of
- 2 Commerce, and Village Prosecutor for several villages; he was
- 3 past president of the West Suburban Bar Association; and
- WHEREAS, Richard Short was a member of the McHenry County
- 5 Sheriff's Merit Commission, the Johnsburg Lions Club, the St.
- 6 John's Endowment Society, the Harmony Snowmobile Club, the
- 7 Lakes Region American Legion Post, the Woodland Green
- 8 Homeowners Association, and the Illinois Bar Association; and
- 9 WHEREAS, Richard Short was an avid boater; he held a U.S.
- 10 Coast Guard License and was always ready to take the boat out
- onto the water; he also enjoyed seeing his grandchildren,
- 12 cheering on the Chicago Bears, and winter vacations in Naples
- and Marco Island, Florida; and
- 14 WHEREAS, Richard Short was preceded in death by his
- 15 parents; his sisters, Jeanne Hill and Marianne Mazzuca; and his
- 16 son-in-law, Patrick Rorig; and
- WHEREAS, Richard Short is survived by his wife of 65 years,
- 18 Barbara; his children, Richard (Lisa) Short, Cynthia Rorig, and
- 19 Patrick (Gretchen) Short; and his grandchildren, Nicole, Tara,
- 20 Kevin, Terence, Sean, Collin, and Carter; therefore, be it
- 21 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDREDTH GENERAL

- 1 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
- 2 Richard J. Short, and extend our sincere condolences to his
- 3 family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it
- 4 further
- 5 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
- 6 presented to the family of Richard Short as an expression of
- 7 our deepest sympathy.