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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 Richard P. Frisbie on August 28, 2018 at the age of 91; and

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WHEREAS, Richard Frisbie was born in Moline on November 27, 1926, the son of C. Osborn and Pearl (Harrison) Frisbie; he grew up in the South Shore neighborhood of Chicago and attended St. Philip Neri School, where he was a member of Boy Scout Troop 504, played football, and was in the brass section of the orchestra; shortly after his 14th birthday, he debuted on "Quiz Kids", the popular 1940s and 1950s radio and TV show; he later graduated from St. Ignatius High School, where he lettered in football; and

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WHEREAS, Richard Frisbie attended the University of Chicago until he was drafted into the U.S. Navy during World War II; after the war, he completed his undergraduate degree at the University of Arizona; and

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WHEREAS, After graduation, Richard Frisbie began his career as a reporter and assistant feature editor for the "Chicago Daily News"; he met his wife of 68 years, Margery Rowbottom, while covering a story for the "Daily News" about the well-known defected Soviet spy Elizabeth Bentley at

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1 Chicago's Mundelein College, which had hired Bentley as a
2 social studies teacher; he and Margery married in 1950 and
3 together raised eight children; and

4 WHEREAS, Richard Frisbie left the "Daily News" and moved
5 into the world of advertising, eventually becoming the creative
6 director of Campbell Ewald's Chicago office; in 1966, he opened
7 Richard Frisbie Communications, where he worked until he
8 retired; he also was editor of "Chicago Magazine" from 1971
9 until 1973 and a columnist for "Extension" magazine; and

10 WHEREAS, Richard Frisbie, with his wife Margery,
11 co-authored the "Do-It-Yourself-Parent" in 1963; he also
12 authored "Family Fun and Recreation" in 1964, "How to Peel A
13 Sour Grape" in 1965, "Who Put the Bomb in Father Murphy's
14 Chowder?" in 1968, and "Daily Meditations for Busy Grandpas" in
15 1998; his 1975 book, "Basic Boat Building" was based on a
16 sailboat he built in his basement and garage and sailed for
17 decades on Lake Michigan; and

18 WHEREAS, Richard Frisbie was a 44-year member and a past
19 president of the Arlington Heights Memorial Library Board; he
20 also served a term as president of the Illinois Center for the
21 Book and was a longtime board member and a past president of
22 the Society of Midland Authors; and

1 WHEREAS, Richard Frisbie, a true Renaissance man, was an
2 avid amateur musician and played mandolin, piano, and trumpet;
3 he was also a technology enthusiast, often providing tech help
4 for family members; he was a noted outdoorsman and animal
5 lover; additionally, both he and Margery were longtime
6 activists in the Catholic Church and promoted social justice
7 issues; and

8 WHEREAS, Richard Frisbie was preceded in death by his
9 parents and his brother, William; and

10 WHEREAS, Richard Frisbie was the father of Felicity (Steve
11 Sangenario) Frisbie, Anne (Michael) Malone, Thomas (Dodie)
12 Frisbie, Ellen (Steve Quast) Frisbie, Paul Frisbie, Patrick
13 (Mona) Frisbie, Teresa (Brian Lantz) Frisbie, and Margaret
14 (Matt Binns) Frisbie, cherished grandfather of Philip
15 Sangenario, Nora (Ryan Tetrick) Malone, Clare Malone, Timothy
16 (Anne) Frisbie, Charles (Megan) Frisbie, Emily Frisbie,
17 Christopher Quast, Annie Quast, Matthew Frisbie, Lauren
18 Frisbie, Abigail Lantz, and Charlotte Lantz, great-grandfather
19 of Juliet, Arden and Emmett, and dear brother of Peggy (the
20 late Charles Thorpe) Frisbie and the late William (Lynette)
21 Frisbie; therefore, be it

22 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDREDTH GENERAL
23 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of

1 Richard P. Frisbie and extend our sincere condolences to his
2 family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it
3 further

4 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
5 presented to the family of Richard Frisbie as an expression of
6 our deepest sympathy.