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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 William T. "Bill" Henderson of Urbana, who passed away on June 11, 2020; and

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WHEREAS, Bill Henderson was born at the family home in Ridge Farm to Ted and Susie (Satterlee) Henderson on October 5, 1929; he graduated from Ridge Farm High School and received a scholarship to the University of Illinois to study floriculture; he also became active in the McKinley Foundation student group; he received his bachelor's degree from the University of Illinois in the spring of 1951 and was commissioned a second lieutenant in the U.S. Army's Quartermaster Corps; he completed his active service and was promoted to first lieutenant; he received an honorable discharge from the Army; and

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WHEREAS, Bill Henderson returned to the U.S. and was accepted at McCormick Theological Seminary; he married Kathryn Luther on August 22, 1953; he received his master's degree in library science from the University of Chicago and his Master of Divinity from McCormick Seminary; he served for seven years as the seminary's first acquisitions librarian; he also became an ordained minister; and

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1 WHEREAS, As his wife was invited to join the faculty of the
2 Graduate School of Library and Information Science, Bill
3 Henderson accepted a position at the University of Illinois at
4 Urbana-Champaign in 1965 in the emerging field of preserving
5 library collections as they aged; he and his wife taught
6 preservation courses as a team and organized conferences
7 related to preservation; and

8 WHEREAS, Bill Henderson received the University of
9 Illinois Graduate School of Library and Information Science
10 Alumni Association's Distinguished Service Award in May of
11 2011; and

12 WHEREAS, For many years, Bill Henderson was the secretary
13 of the Alpha Chapter of Beta Phi Mu, the international library
14 and information science honor society; in November of 2014, he
15 and his wife were recognized by the Alpha Chapter with the
16 establishment of the Kathryn Luther and William T. Henderson
17 Award; and

18 WHEREAS, Bill Henderson was a member of the Champaign
19 County Farm Bureau; for many years, he and his wife served on
20 the selection committee that determined the recipients of the
21 Champaign County Farm Bureau Foundation agricultural
22 scholarships; he received a Luther Circle Award for his service
23 to the scholarship program; and

1 WHEREAS, Bill Henderson was a member of St. Peter's United
2 Church of Christ, where he served on various committees and had
3 a role in Christian education endeavors, his favorite role; as
4 an ordained minister, he could perform other ministerial
5 duties; he was also a longtime member of the American Library
6 Association, the American Theological Library Association, and
7 the Illinois Library Association; and

8 WHEREAS, Bill Henderson was preceded in death by his
9 parents; his brother, Joseph David Henderson; his niece, Cheryl
10 Lynn Henderson; his parents-in-law, Carl F. and Ida Lietz
11 Luther; and his sister-in-law, Mildred Luther; and

12 WHEREAS, Bill Henderson is survived by his wife of 67
13 years, Kathryn; his sister-in-law, Annette Gulder Henderson;
14 his nieces, Susan Tracy McDaniel and Carol Lynn Christenson;
15 and his nephew, Joseph David Henderson; therefore, be it

16 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL
17 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
18 Bill Henderson and extend our sincere condolences to his
19 family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it
20 further

21 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be

1 presented to the family of Bill Henderson as an expression of
2 our deepest sympathy.