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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives wish to recognize the life and service of
4 former State Representative Daniel Marshall Pierce, who passed
5 away on February 13, 2020; and

6 WHEREAS, Rep. Pierce was born in Chicago on March 31,
7 1928; he moved to the North Shore when he was young and
8 graduated from New Trier High School in Winnetka; and

9 WHEREAS, Rep. Pierce earned an undergraduate and a law
10 degree from Harvard University and later served in the United
11 States Air Force Judge Advocate General's Corps during the
12 Korean War; and

13 WHEREAS, Rep. Pierce began his career in the Illinois
14 House in 1965 as a part of the legendary election involving the
15 "Bed Sheet Ballot," a 33-inch long, 236-candidate ballot for
16 all 177 seats in the Illinois House of Representatives; he was
17 one of the three representatives of the 32nd District; during
18 his time in the Illinois House, he served as Chairman of the
19 House Revenue Committee, the Mental Health Investigating
20 Committee, the Energy and Environment Committee, the Illinois
21 Economic Fiscal Commission, and the Energy Resources
22 Commission; he retired from the House in 1983; and

1 WHEREAS, Rep. Pierce continued his life of public service
2 after his time in the Illinois House; he was elected Mayor of
3 Highland Park in 1987 and reelected in 1991; he served a final
4 term after being elected again in 1999; and

5 WHEREAS, Rep. Pierce served as a member of the North Shore
6 Water Reclamation District, beginning in 2004; he served as
7 president from 2006 until his passing in 2020; and

8 WHEREAS, Rep. Pierce served as a Democratic State Central
9 Committeeman for the 10th Congressional District; and

10 WHEREAS, Rep. Pierce was a loving husband and father and
11 was survived by his wife, Rhoda Pierce, three sons, and two
12 stepsons; and

13 WHEREAS, Rep. Pierce was a mentor to many elected
14 officials; he served with humility and conviction and believed
15 deeply in bipartisanship; he was a friend to so many;
16 therefore, be it

17 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
18 HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
19 we recognize the life and service of former State
20 Representative Daniel Marshall Pierce; and be it further

1 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
2 presented to Rep. Pierce's wife, Rhoda, as a symbol of our
3 gratitude for his work in this body and his lifetime of public
4 service.