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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 Gordon Ross Ainsworth of Moline, who passed away on February 1, 2021; and

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WHEREAS, Gordon Ainsworth was born to George Rodney and Dorothy (Ross) Ainsworth in Moline on December 13, 1926; he graduated from Western Reserve Academy in Hudson, Ohio in 1944; he attended Amherst College and was then drafted into the U.S. Army; he served as a Staff Sergeant in Atlanta, Georgia at Fort McPherson; he returned to Amherst College and graduated in 1950 with a Bachelor of Arts in Economics; he married Kaye Crissey at the First Congregational Church in Moline on December 6, 1969; and

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WHEREAS, Gordon Ainsworth was the fourth generation of Ainsworths to work in the family business, Dimock, Gould & Co; he started working in the lumber yard and eventually retired as president but still served alongside his two daughters on the board until the business closed in 2014; and

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WHEREAS, Gordon Ainsworth was a lifelong member of the First Congregational Church in Moline and the Moline Rotary Club; he was also a member of Short Hills Country Club and White Lake Golf Club and served on the board of directors for

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1 Arrowhead Ranch and the Moline Public Hospital; and

2 WHEREAS, Growing up, Gordon Ainsworth collected stamps and
3 later developed an interest in Frances Ware and Frosted
4 Hobnail Glass; he spent as much time as possible at the family
5 home overlooking Lake Michigan, where he enjoyed sailing and
6 fishing; he loved golfing, walking the beach looking for lucky
7 glass, and spending time with family and friends; he was
8 always a gentleman and will be remembered for his positive
9 outlook on life, his patience, and his wonderful sense of
10 humor; and

11 WHEREAS, Gordon Ainsworth was preceded in death by his
12 parents; his sisters, Ann and Cynthia Ainsworth; and his
13 infant brother, Ross Ainsworth; and

14 WHEREAS, Gordon Ainsworth is survived by his loving wife,
15 Katie; his daughters, Jennifer (David) Van Hook and Sarah
16 (Jerry) Fulscher; and his grandchildren, Lauren and Conner
17 Fulscher; therefore, be it

18 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL
19 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
20 Gordon Ross Ainsworth extend our sincere condolences to his
21 family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it
22 further

1 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
2 presented to the family of Gordon Ainsworth as an expression
3 of our deepest sympathy.