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SENATE RESOLUTION

2           WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate are saddened  
3 to learn of the death of J. William "Bill" Braithwaite of  
4 Barrington, who passed away on December 6, 2020; and

5           WHEREAS, Bill Braithwaite was born in Detroit, Michigan to  
6 James and Eunice Braithwaite on September 28, 1928; he grew up  
7 on a small poultry farm and was involved in 4-H; he served in  
8 the U.S. Army from 1946 to 1948, beginning when he was just  
9 17-years-old; during his service, he spent a year in the  
10 Philippines and attended the University of Santo Tomas,  
11 Manila; he served again in the Army National Guard from 1950 to  
12 1952, during which time he was stationed in Virginia and  
13 Germany; and

14           WHEREAS, Bill Braithwaite attended the University of  
15 Connecticut, where 4-H continued to influence his life; he  
16 became president of the University 4-H Club, and in 1949, he  
17 met his future wife, Dyllis, who was the club's secretary;  
18 following his graduation from Columbia Law School, he was  
19 awarded a one-year teaching fellowship at Northwestern  
20 University Law School; he and Dyllis settled in Barrington in  
21 1955; and

22           WHEREAS, Bill Braithwaite practiced law for 64 years and

1 served as chair of the Chicago Bar Association Municipal Law  
2 Committee; he began his career as a land use attorney in 1959  
3 by forming the Village of South Barrington; he subsequently  
4 served as an attorney for many of the local villages including  
5 Barrington, Volo, Campton Hills, and, for over 50 years, the  
6 Village of North Barrington; and

7 WHEREAS, Bill Braithwaite worked behind the scenes on  
8 fundraising projects, served on governing boards, and provided  
9 free legal counsel for a number of organizations; he earned  
10 community service awards, including Man of the Year and Board  
11 Director Emeritus from Family Service of the Barrington Area,  
12 the Barrington Area Development Council's Citizen of the Year,  
13 and countless others; and

14 WHEREAS, Bill Braithwaite was a longtime member and  
15 volunteer with the Barrington United Methodist Church and  
16 served on the board of its affiliate, the Marcy Newberry  
17 Foundation; he was chairman of the Sunday School, was active  
18 on the Missions Commission, and was instrumental in  
19 establishing the church's endowment fund; he played a  
20 significant role in the church's relocation after it had been  
21 destroyed by fire; and

22 WHEREAS, Bill Braithwaite was a member of the Barrington  
23 Chamber of Commerce and its Executive Breakfast Club, as well

1 as the Barrington school board; he served on the boards of the  
2 Barrington Area Council on Aging and the Clearbrook Center  
3 Foundation and recently served as the pro bono attorney for  
4 Let It Be Us; and

5 WHEREAS, Bill Braithwaite had a generous heart and a  
6 brilliant mind; he will be especially remembered for his  
7 unquestionable integrity, strong work ethic, wisdom,  
8 generosity, compassion for others, and great sense of humor;  
9 he was humble and completely without pretense; he believed in  
10 social justice and inclusion; he loved being a lawyer, but  
11 family meant the most to him; and

12 WHEREAS, Bill Braithwaite was preceded in death by his  
13 parents; and

14 WHEREAS, Bill Braithwaite is survived by his wife of 69  
15 years, Dyllis; his children, Nancy, Gordon, and Ann (Randy);  
16 his grandchildren, Amarins, Tsjalling, Austin, Preston, and  
17 Christopher; and his great-granddaughter, Amelia; therefore,  
18 be it

19 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL  
20 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of  
21 J. William "Bill" Braithwaite and extend our sincere  
22 condolences to his family, friends, and all who knew and loved

1 him; and be it further

2       RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
3 presented to the family of Bill Braithwaite as an expression  
4 of our deepest sympathy.