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1 SENATE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, Richard Buchanan had a career in public service  
3 that spanned more than four decades; and

4 WHEREAS, Richard Buchanan was hired at State Farm  
5 Insurance in 1971 and spent the next 30 years working as a  
6 human resources professional in the growing systems  
7 department; and

8 WHEREAS, Richard Buchanan served six years from 1971 to  
9 1977 on the Bloomington City Council and two terms as the mayor  
10 of Bloomington from 1977 to 1985; he served on the McLean  
11 County Board from 2012 to 2017; and

12 WHEREAS, As mayor, Richard Buchanan was known for  
13 listening to his constituents and taking policy ideas through  
14 to completion; and

15 WHEREAS, Richard Buchanan fostered a friendly relationship  
16 between the two towns of Bloomington and Normal during his two  
17 terms as mayor; and

18 WHEREAS, Richard Buchanan also served more than 35 years  
19 on the city liquor commission, stepping down in December 2012  
20 when he won his county board seat; and

1           WHEREAS, Richard Buchanan is a native of Clinton; he met  
2 his wife Judy while they were students at Northern Illinois  
3 University; following graduation, he spent six years in the  
4 U.S. Army Reserve, including seven months of active duty; and

5           WHEREAS, Richard Buchanan and Judy raised three children  
6 together; and

7           WHEREAS, Richard Buchanan and Judy were honored in 2019 as  
8 McLean County History Makers by the McLean County Museum of  
9 History; and

10           WHEREAS, Richard Buchanan was beloved by his colleagues,  
11 family, and friends; and

12           WHEREAS, Richard Buchanan will be remembered for his  
13 willingness to work with others and his ability to take  
14 people's opinions seriously; therefore, be it

15           RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL  
16 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we declare March 30,  
17 2022 as Richard Buchanan Day in order to commemorate the one  
18 year anniversary of his death and to celebrate his life and his  
19 dedication to public service, his family, and his community;  
20 and be it further

1           RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
2 presented to the family of Richard Buchanan as a symbol of our  
3 respect and esteem.