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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 Kyle Robeson of Champaign, who passed away on April 10, 2021; and

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WHEREAS, Kyle Robeson was born in Champaign on August 28, 1929; he attended elementary school in Champaign and graduated from Uni High School; he studied business at Miami University in Oxford, Ohio; he served in the U.S. Air Force and was stationed at Chanute Air Force Base in Rantoul and Sheppard Air Force Base in Wichita Falls, Texas, where he went through engine and aircraft mechanical training; he attended J.L. Hudson Co.'s Executive Training Program in Detroit and worked for McGreevey, Werring & Howell in New York City; and

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WHEREAS, Kyle Robeson began his career at Robeson's Department Store, the downtown Champaign department store opened by his grandfather in 1874, as the manager of the children and infants' department in 1956; through his years of working, managing, and owning Robeson's, he worked with many wonderful people, served many customers, and developed cherished memories; he was forced to make the difficult decision to close the store in 1990, but he was afforded the opportunity to pursue his passion of real-estate development; and

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1 WHEREAS, Kyle Robeson was a member of the Champaign Rotary
2 Club for 63 years, where he maintained perfect attendance for
3 50 years; he was committed to volunteering and donated to many
4 charitable organizations, supporting the Champaign-Urbana
5 community that he loved; and

6 WHEREAS, Kyle Robeson was known for his zest for life and
7 adventure; he enjoyed flying airplanes, classic cars, pheasant
8 hunting, fishing, horseback riding, skeet shooting, whitewater
9 rafting, big-band music, dancing, photography, Illinois
10 athletics, technology, the conservation of natural areas, and
11 the thrills of lawn maintenance; he will be remembered for his
12 generous heart, big personality, inquisitive nature, and
13 vivacious spirit; and

14 WHEREAS, Kyle Robeson is survived by his wife of 58 years,
15 Phyllis; his children, Eric (Lisa) and Kim (Dean); and his
16 grandchildren, Forrest, Ella, and Will; therefore, be it

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

21 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be

1 presented to the family of Kyle Robeson as an expression of our
2 deepest sympathy.