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SENATE RESOLUTION

2           WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate are saddened  
3 to learn of the death of David Alan "Dave" Swickard of  
4 Rochester, formerly of Charleston, who passed away on April  
5 10, 2021; and

6           WHEREAS, Dave Swickard was born in Charleston to John W.  
7 and Ruth (Harper) Swickard on February 14, 1933; he served in  
8 the U.S. Army during the Korean War; he married Alice Jayne  
9 Morris in Lawrenceville on August 17, 1958; and

10           WHEREAS, Dave Swickard worked as a licensed funeral  
11 director and embalmer alongside his grandparents, Sam and  
12 Lenna Harper, his parents, and his brother, Stephen Swickard,  
13 in the family business, Harper-Swickard Funeral Home, for more  
14 than five decades; and

15           WHEREAS, Dave Swickard served as Coles County Coroner for  
16 one term; and

17           WHEREAS, Dave Swickard was a life member of Paul McVey  
18 V.F.W. Post #1592; he started playing taps for veterans'  
19 funerals beginning in high school, and he continued until he  
20 retired; he was a 32nd degree mason with the Charleston  
21 Masonic Lodge #35 A.F. & A.M.; he was a member, past president,

1 and a Paul Harris Fellow of the Charleston Rotary Club; he  
2 provided his motor home and was chauffeur for the president of  
3 Rotary International while he was touring Central Illinois; he  
4 was a member of the Coles County Barbershoppers and Wesley  
5 United Methodist Church Chancel Choir for many years; he was a  
6 longtime member of Wesley United Methodist Church and a  
7 current member of the First United Methodist Church of  
8 Springfield; and

9 WHEREAS, Dave Swickard was honored to serve families  
10 during their times of grief, and he was able to balance that  
11 responsibility with being active in the community and  
12 completely devoted to his family; and

13 WHEREAS, Dave Swickard was preceded in death by his  
14 parents and his brothers, John Swickard Jr. and Stephen S.  
15 Swickard; and

16 WHEREAS, Dave Swickard is survived by his wife; his  
17 children, Laura (Paul) Worrall and Reverend Dr. Robert A.  
18 (Gina) Swickard; his six grandchildren and seven  
19 great-grandchildren, with another due in August; his brother,  
20 James H. (Nancy) Swickard; and his sisters-in-law, Phyllis  
21 Swickard and Shirley Swickard; therefore, be it

22 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL

1 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of  
2 David Alan "Dave" Swickard and extend our sincere condolences  
3 to his family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be  
4 it further

5 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
6 presented to the family of Dave Swickard as an expression of  
7 our deepest sympathy.