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SENATE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate are saddened
3 to learn of the death of Ronald Elmer "Ron" Schumacher, Elgin
4 resident and a Dundee-area mainstay, who passed away on
5 November 9, 2019; and

6 WHEREAS, Ron Schumacher was born in Elgin to Elmer Emil
7 Schumacher and Clarice Mueller Schumacher on May 7, 1923; he
8 grew up in a historic home on Second Street in West Dundee; he
9 attended Immanuel Lutheran Church and School as a child;
10 alongside his brother Bob, he was an accomplished marimba
11 player; he graduated as salutatorian from Dundee Community
12 High School in 1941, where he excelled in academics and
13 baseball, and he played center in basketball under Coach
14 Eugene deLacy, who led Dundee High School to its only Illinois
15 State Basketball Championship in 1938; he served as a
16 minesweeper and a chaplain in the U.S. Navy during World War II
17 and was stationed in the Pacific theater; after the war ended
18 in 1945, he returned to and graduated from Northwestern
19 University in Evanston, where he again excelled in academics
20 and basketball and was the starting pitcher on the Wildcats
21 baseball team; and

22 WHEREAS, Ron Schumacher first worked as a traveling
23 salesman selling kitchen cabinets for the Howell Company;

1 dissatisfied with the constant traveling, he soon started a
2 career in the insurance business with a position at Bankers
3 Life; he quickly moved to Northwestern Mutual Life (NML),
4 where he enjoyed a successful and lucrative 50-year career;
5 during his time at NML, he was a member of the company's
6 million-dollar club for an incredible 34 years in a row; and

7 WHEREAS, Ron Schumacher was deeply committed to his faith
8 and was a member of the Immanuel Lutheran Church in East Dundee
9 for his entire life; he was a member of the Republican Party;
10 he was always was deeply involved in the community, first in
11 the Dundee-area while his children were growing up and then
12 later in Elgin; he was a board member of several
13 organizations, including the Elgin Chamber of Commerce, the
14 Elgin Rotary Club, the Elgin Kiwanis Club, and the Elgin YMCA;
15 he often volunteered to be a basketball coach and referee
16 during the winter basketball season; and

17 WHEREAS, Ron Schumacher remained active during his entire
18 adult life; he vacationed with his family in Minnesota and
19 Wisconsin during the summers of the 1960s, and his family's
20 favorite spot was the Shingwauk resort located near Little
21 Pine Lake in Aitkin, Minnesota; he acquired property near
22 Green Lake in the 1970s; he enjoyed playing tennis at the Elgin
23 Country Club, and he played tennis until his mid-eighties when
24 his doctor forced him to stop; and

1 WHEREAS, Ron Schumacher was known by many names to his
2 grandchildren, including Grandpa, Grandpa Duck, Grandpa Ron,
3 and Bompa; he will be remembered for his incredibly sharp
4 mind, his dedication to giving his best, his competitive
5 nature, and his quiet, dignified manner; and

6 WHEREAS, Ron Schumacher was preceded in death by his first
7 wife, Ruth Glaser Schumacher; his second wife, Elizabeth
8 "Betty" Bower Schumacher; his son, James Schumacher; his
9 daughter, Jane Schumacher Hawkins; and his great-grandson,
10 Luke Schumacher; and

11 WHEREAS, Ron Schumacher is survived by his brother, Robert
12 Schumacher; his children, Susan Schumacher (formerly Koppen),
13 Robert Schumacher (Jane), and William Schumacher (Karen); his
14 grandchildren, Leslie Schumacher, Brett Koppen, Brian Koppen,
15 Branden Koppen, Matthew Schumacher, Mark Schumacher, Jeremy
16 Hawkins, Jennifer Hawkins, and Jaclyn (Hawkins) Slager; and
17 his great-grandchildren, Blake Koppen, Jackson Schumacher,
18 Audrey Schumacher, Robert Crum, J.J. Crum, and Keoni Hawkins;
19 therefore, be it

20 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL
21 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
22 Ronald Elmer "Ron" Schumacher and extend our sincere

1 condolences to his family, friends, and all who knew and loved
2 him; and be it further

3 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
4 presented to the family of Ron Schumacher as an expression of
5 our deepest sympathy.