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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 Donald Hacker "Don" Scherwat, who passed away on on March 10, 2020; and

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WHEREAS, Don Scherwat was born in Chicago to Josephine and Bill Scherwat on September 15, 1927; he graduated from Senn High School and the University of Illinois, where he was a member of the Alpha Tau Omega fraternity and was captain of the swimming team; he served in the U.S. Navy in World War II aboard the LST 1026 in the Pacific; and

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WHEREAS, Don Scherwat began work as a teacher in District 64 in North Chicago and was drafted into the U.S. Army during the Korean War; he served in Japan, playing the trombone in the band, welcoming dignitaries off the plane, and playing in honky tonk bars at night; and

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WHEREAS, Don Scherwat returned to his teaching career and was soon offered the job of business manager for District 64, where he spent his entire career; and

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WHEREAS, Don Scherwat retired and spent his days at the Bonnie Brook Golf Course selling golf balls and fishing in Iron River, Wisconsin whenever he could; he moved to Florida

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1 in 2007 after the passing of Rosemary and met the second love
2 of his life, Annie Yates; and

3 WHEREAS, Don Scherwat was an expert swimmer; he worked as
4 a lifeguard on Lake Michigan at the Chicago beaches, and his
5 love of water continued with a 60-year fishing tradition, the
6 Skal Cup Memorial Day fishing tournament, which carries on
7 through his grandsons; he treasured his friendships,
8 especially a group of lifelong friends who called themselves
9 the Lucky Club and played golf and had raucous holiday parties
10 together; and

11 WHEREAS, Don Scherwat played competitive volleyball into
12 his 60s with men half his age; he was honored by the AARP for
13 20 years of volunteer tax preparation; he was also a
14 prize-winning gardener; and

15 WHEREAS, Don Scherwat was preceded in death by his wife,
16 Rosemary (Musso); his parents; his brother, Bob Scherwat; and
17 his sister, Carole Muret; and

18 WHEREAS, At the time of his death, Don Scherwat was
19 survived by his daughters, Tish (Ken) Pasiewicz and Mary Ellen
20 Montavon (Dennis Hildebrand); his grandsons, Mike and Scott
21 Ratkiewicz; his Florida soul mate, Annie Yates; and his nieces
22 and nephews; therefore, be it

1 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL
2 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
3 Donald Hacker "Don" Scherwat and extend our sincere
4 condolences to his family, friends, and all who knew and loved
5 him; and be it further

6 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
7 presented to the family of Don Scherwat as an expression of our
8 deepest sympathy.