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SENATE RESOLUTION

2           WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate are saddened  
3 to learn of the death of William L. "Bill" Boyd of  
4 Chesterfield, Missouri, formerly of Springfield, who passed  
5 away on February 7, 2021; and

6           WHEREAS, Bill Boyd was born in Coshocton, Ohio to Lester  
7 and Opal King Boyd on January 11, 1931; he married Carolyn Ida  
8 Emig in Gahanna, Ohio on July 31, 1955; he served in the U.S.  
9 Navy during the Korean War as a corpsman and was proud of  
10 circumnavigating the earth aboard the USS Worcester; he earned  
11 his bachelor's degree from Capital University in Columbus,  
12 Ohio and his master's degree in healthcare administration from  
13 The University of Chicago; and

14           WHEREAS, Bill Boyd retired as vice president of Memorial  
15 Medical Center in 1992 after 35 years; he oversaw numerous  
16 building projects in campus expansion, served as interim  
17 president, and supported the creation of the Southern Illinois  
18 University School of Medicine; and

19           WHEREAS, Bill Boyd was a longtime member of Christ  
20 Episcopal Church, where he served on the vestry and managed  
21 the building and grounds; he was active in the Episcopal  
22 Diocese, Boy Scout Troop 7, and Downtown Springfield, Inc.,

1 where he received the Lifetime Achievement Award in 2009; he  
2 especially enjoyed serving as executive director of the  
3 Festival of Trees for many years; he played in several bagpipe  
4 bands, including Springfield's St. Andrew's Society Pipes and  
5 Drums; he was a long-standing official with the Illini  
6 Striders Track and Field team; he was a devoted husband and  
7 father; and

8 WHEREAS, Bill Boyd was preceded in death by his wife,  
9 Carolyn; his parents; and his brother, Dr. Richard A. Boyd;  
10 and

11 WHEREAS, Bill Boyd is survived by his children, Craig  
12 (Louann) Boyd, Keith (Peggy) Boyd, Leslie (Simon) Abrahms, and  
13 Kent Boyd; nine grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; and  
14 his sister, Leann Boyd Smith; therefore, be it

15 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL  
16 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of  
17 William L. "Bill" Boyd and extend our sincere condolences to  
18 his family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it  
19 further

20 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
21 presented to the family of Bill Boyd as an expression of our  
22 deepest sympathy.