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SENATE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate are saddened
3 to learn of the death of John Van Dyke "Tad" Skillman Jr., a
4 resident of Carpentersville for the past 64 years, who passed
5 away on August 23, 2021; and

6 WHEREAS, John Skillman was born to John Skillman Sr. and
7 Charlotte C. (Steib) Brady in Chicago on August 9, 1933; he
8 served in the U.S. Army; and

9 WHEREAS, John Skillman began his professional career as a
10 police officer in the Village of Carpentersville in the early
11 1960s; during his tenure, he earned the ranks of sergeant,
12 lieutenant, captain, and police chief; he retired as chief of
13 police after 25 years of service to the Carpentersville Police
14 Department in 1985; and

15 WHEREAS, Following his retirement, John Skillman served as
16 village trustee of Carpentersville from 1985 to 1989; he later
17 served as village board president from 1989 to 1997; and

18 WHEREAS, John Skillman was a charter member of St. Monica
19 Catholic Church in Carpentersville; he served on School
20 District #300's Board of Education from 1971 to 1983, where he
21 also previously served as board president; he was an avid

1 supporter of the Irving Crown High School Booster Club; he was
2 later a board member and an inductee of the Dundee Crown High
3 School's Athletic Hall of Fame; and

4 WHEREAS, John Skillman was known for always giving,
5 helping, and being there for people; he was and will be
6 remembered as a true public servant; and

7 WHEREAS, John Skillman was preceded in death by his
8 parents; his wife of 51 years, Rosemary Dooley Skillman; and
9 his sisters, Barbara Smith and Terry Dewey; and

10 WHEREAS, John Skillman is survived by his children,
11 Kathleen (Randy) Sellnow, Maureen (the late Michael) Harrison,
12 John (Susan) Skillman, and Robert (Marybeth) Skillman; his
13 grandchildren, Matthew (Rebecca) Harrison, James (Molly) and
14 Scott (Brittany) Sellnow, and Jonathan (Larisa), Amanda, Van
15 Dyke, and Callie Skillman; his great-grandchildren, Riley,
16 Bailey, Sean, Levi, Evan, Colin, and Arija; his sisters, Sally
17 Murphy, Penny (Joe) Miller, and Bonnie (Bill Roesler) Wyman;
18 his many nieces and nephews; his countless friends; and his
19 longtime companion, Peggy Basura; 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 John Van Dyke "Tad" Skillman Jr. 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 John Skillman as an expression of
5 our deepest sympathy.