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SENATE RESOLUTION

2           WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate are saddened  
3 to learn of the death of William "Bill" Warren Chase of Corey  
4 Lake, Michigan, who passed away on June 25, 2021 at the age of  
5 91; and

6           WHEREAS, Bill Chase was born in Oak Park on July 30, 1930;  
7 he graduated from Oak Park and River Forest High School, where  
8 he met his wife of 67 years, Charlene Lois; and

9           WHEREAS, Many of Bill Chase's fondest childhood memories  
10 occurred at his family's lake home in Three Rivers, Michigan,  
11 which bordered Corey Lake; during these getaways, he developed  
12 a passion for waterskiing; and

13           WHEREAS, Bill Chase was a member of his high school and  
14 college swim teams; he attended North Central College in  
15 Naperville; and

16           WHEREAS, Bill Chase ran successful vending and home  
17 security businesses during the time he resided in River  
18 Forest; his son was a business partner; and

19           WHEREAS, Bill Chase held positions on numerous boards of  
20 trustees in Illinois and Michigan, such as the Service Club of

1 Oak Park and the YMCA; other professional and personal  
2 memberships included the St. Joseph County Planning  
3 Commission, Fabius Township Board of Appeals, St. Joseph  
4 County Conservation Club, Rotary Club, Corey Lake Association,  
5 and the Corey Lake Yacht Club; and

6 WHEREAS, Upon a permanent relocation to Michigan, Bill  
7 Chase became a public servant; after 12 years, he retired from  
8 the Michigan Department of Transportation at age 72; and

9 WHEREAS, Bill Chase parlayed his love of duck hunting,  
10 which he was introduced to by his uncle, into a recreational  
11 career as a skeet shooting instructor; one of his most  
12 prominent students was Paul Harvey; and

13 WHEREAS, Bill Chase was also a talented curling athlete;  
14 he represented Illinois at championships in Fairbanks, Alaska  
15 and Quebec, Canada; his wife even joined him in the  
16 competitive sport; and

17 WHEREAS, Another one of Bill Chase's favorite pastimes was  
18 antique furniture restoration; his signature project was a  
19 1955 Chris-Craft, which he finished the year his son was born;  
20 this boat was featured in many Fourth of July water parades;  
21 and

1           WHEREAS, Bill Chase is survived by his wife, Charlene; his  
2 children, Curtis, Sandra, and Jennifer; his twin grandsons,  
3 Kyle and Matthew (Rachel) Bloch; his great-granddaughter,  
4 Finley Jane; his siblings, James (Patricia) and Mary; his  
5 sisters-in-law, Carol White and Dorothy Cole; and his many  
6 nieces, nephews, great-nieces, and great-nephews; therefore,  
7 be it

8           RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL  
9 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of  
10 William "Bill" Warren Chase and extend our sincere condolences  
11 to his family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be  
12 it further

13           RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
14 presented to the family of Bill Chase as an expression of our  
15 deepest sympathy.