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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 Ronald D. Ladley, who passed away on January 15, 2022; and

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WHEREAS, Ronald Ladley was born in Springfield to Roy Clinton and Loraine MacMillan Ladley on May 24, 1938; he graduated from Illinois College with a degree in business, history, and education; and

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WHEREAS, Ronald Ladley enjoyed a long and distinguished career as a local real estate broker and as an owner of real estate, but he was happiest when he could share his knowledge with others by helping individuals start their own real estate careers; and

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WHEREAS, Ronald Ladley took an interest in his community by volunteering and serving on the boards of the Springfield Association for Retarded Citizens (SPARC), United Cerebral Palsy (UCP), the Muscular Dystrophy Association (MDA), the Springfield Jaycees, the Rotary Club of Springfield, the Ansar Shriners, and the American Red Cross; he served as chairman of the Illinois Historic Sites Commission, the Springfield Historic Sites Commission, and the Sangamon County Historical Society; and

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1 WHEREAS, Ronald Ladley was actively and personally
2 involved in community service; he volunteered as a tour guide
3 for the Clayville Historical Site in Pleasant Plains and for
4 the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library; and

5 WHEREAS, In addition to Ronald Ladley's community
6 involvement, his personal achievements were quite extensive;
7 he was president of the Capitol Area Association of Realtors
8 in 1987 and received the Realtor of the Year Award in 1989 and
9 the Realtor Hall of Fame Award in 1995; he influenced
10 legislation to provide State workers with health benefits
11 during the Ogilvie administration; he was Supervisor of
12 Research Studies for the Illinois State Superintendent of
13 Public Instruction and served as an Analyst of Schools for the
14 Illinois Department of Education; and

15 WHEREAS, Ronald Ladley spent much of his life volunteering
16 on behalf of the Sangamon County Republican Central Committee
17 as well as for the statewide and national GOP; and

18 WHEREAS, Family and friends admired Ronald Ladley for
19 being a well-spoken, fun-loving individual, who could be
20 counted on to speak well of other people; his warm smile,
21 gentle caring heart, wisdom, kind personality, and generosity
22 will be greatly missed; and

1 WHEREAS, Ronald Ladley was preceded in death by his
2 spouses, Jayne Millwee Ladley and Lynda Long Ladley; his
3 parents; his siblings, Stanley Ladley and Marjorie Ladley
4 Kimmel; his grandson, Jacob Brown; and his great-grandson,
5 Jayse Tyler Goodwin; and

6 WHEREAS, Ronald Ladley is survived by his daughters,
7 Cynthia (Tom) Leepper, Ronda Ladley, and Judith Brown; his
8 grandchildren, Kimberly, Heather, Jesse, Desiree, and Zachary;
9 his great-grandchildren, Shayne, Alyissa, Avery, and Bella;
10 several nieces, nephews, and cousins; and his loving
11 companion, Mary Renner; therefore, be it

12 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL
13 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
14 Ronald D. Ladley and extend our sincere condolences to his
15 family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it
16 further

17 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be
18 presented to the family of Ronald Ladley as an expression of
19 our deepest sympathy.