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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 Carl Fischer of Springfield, who passed away on March 25, 2022; and

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WHEREAS, Carl Fischer was born to Elmer and Faye Fischer in Springfield on April 19, 1939; he attended St. Joseph Grade School and graduated from Cathedral Boys High School in 1957; he received his bachelor's degree in Architecture from Washington University in St. Louis in 1962; upon graduation, he joined the U.S. Navy, where was admitted to the Officers Candidate School and was commissioned ensign in 1963; after completing Surface Operations School in the Navy, he was assigned as operations officer to the ship U.S.S. Brister, DER 327 and was stationed in Guam; after completing a tour of duty in Vietnam, he returned as surface operations instructor to Glenco, Georgia; he achieved the rank of Lt. Commander prior to resigning his commission in 1973; and

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WHEREAS, After his return to Springfield, Carl Fischer was employed by Ferry & Henderson Architects and subsequently by Graham, O'Shea, and Wisnosky Architects; alongside his wife Kay, he established Carl Fischer Associates Architects in 1976, working from their home on South Walnut Street in Springfield; with a combined family of five children, they

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1 partnered to run a business and raise a family; after moving
2 their offices to the Alzina Building in 1980, August Wisnosky
3 joined the firm and their name changed to Fischer-Wisnosky
4 Architects, subsequently becoming known as FWAI Architects;
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6 WHEREAS, Carl Fischer left his mark in and around
7 Springfield and on projects throughout the United States and
8 in several foreign countries; he received several awards for
9 excellence in design from the American Institute of
10 Architects; he was most proud of his award for the design and
11 restoration of Ronald Reagan's boyhood home in Dixon; and

12 WHEREAS, Carl Fischer was a member of the American
13 Institute of Architects, the National Council of Architectural
14 Registration Board, the Sangamo Club, and the Island Bay Yacht
15 Club; he served on the Architectural Board at Southern
16 Illinois University and the Board of Menard County, as well as
17 boards with numerous additional civic organizations; and

18 WHEREAS, Carl Fischer and Kay raced sailboats for many
19 years at the Island Bay Yacht Club and throughout the Midwest;
20 they retired from racing in 1982 and began spending time on
21 their 38-foot, live-aboard boat, Kathryn, which they kept at
22 Sturgeon Bay, Wisconsin; they would spend several weeks
23 sailing throughout Lake Michigan and the North Channel in

1 Ontario, Canada every summer; and

2 WHEREAS, Carl Fischer also earned his pilot's license; he
3 loved flying his Beechcraft Bonanza airplane for personal and
4 business reasons, and he enjoyed treating his grandchildren to
5 rides; and

6 WHEREAS, Carl Fischer was extremely accomplished, but his
7 love for his family filled his heart; he enjoyed spending time
8 with his children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren, and
9 he shared with his family his passion for sailing and
10 woodworking; and

11 WHEREAS, Carl Fischer was preceded in death by his
12 parents; his daughter, Michelle Irene Fischer; his sister,
13 Lois Burton; his brother-in-law, Dr. James Burton; and his
14 first spouse, Donna Armstead Fischer; and

15 WHEREAS, Carl Fischer is survived by his wife of 47 years,
16 Glynda Kay Fischer; his children, Karen (Tom) Prange, Annette
17 (Kerry) Snyder, Susan (Bill) Robinson, and Jeff (Trish) Foley;
18 his grandchildren, Kyle (Heather) Snyder, Becka Snyder, Jake
19 Snyder, Maxwell Prange, Sarah Prange, Grace Robinson, Emma
20 Robinson, Brandi Foley, and James Foley; and his
21 great-grandchildren, Isaac and Sawyer Snyder; 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 Carl Fischer and extend our sincere condolences to his family,
4 friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it further

5 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
6 presented to the family of Carl Fischer as an expression of our
7 deepest sympathy.