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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 James Francis "Jim" Flynn of West Peoria, who passed away on September 1, 2022; and

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WHEREAS, Jim Flynn was born to James Leo and Anna C. Neylon Flynn in Peoria on July 6, 1934; he graduated from St. Cecelia's Catholic School in 1948 and Spalding Institute in 1952; he served in the U.S. Naval Reserves from 1953 to 1961; he married Patricia "Trish" Brophy at St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Peoria on June 2, 1962, and they raised their family in West Peoria; and

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WHEREAS, Jim Flynn joined the Plumbers Union Local 63 in 1953 and was a union member for 69 years, holding the offices of president, assistant business manager, and business manager when he retired in 1993; he also served as the vice president of the Illinois Pipe Trades Association and president of District Council 34 until he retired; and

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WHEREAS, Jim Flynn served as an alderman for the City of West Peoria and as a township trustee of West Peoria Township for many years; he was named grand marshal of the West Peoria 4th of July Parade in 2016; and

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1           WHEREAS, Jim Flynn was proud of his Irish heritage and  
2 belonged to the St. Patrick's Society of Peoria, the Friends  
3 of Clonmel, and the Ancient Order of Hibernians, where he  
4 chaired many committees and served as vice president for a  
5 term; he was awarded Hibernian of the Year in 1997; and

6           WHEREAS, Jim Flynn was determined to help his  
7 grandchildren live their best lives and worked hard to raise  
8 funds for and increase awareness of the disease Cystic  
9 Fibrosis; he co-founded the Flynn Foundation for Cystic  
10 Fibrosis and was involved in countless fundraising efforts of  
11 the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation of Peoria; for his efforts, he  
12 received the Richard Lee Award, the Breath of Life Award in  
13 2011, and the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation Volunteer of the Year  
14 Award in 2012; and

15           WHEREAS, Jim Flynn was a member of St. Mark's Catholic  
16 Church and a past member of the Spalding Council Knights of  
17 Columbus; his favorite sports teams were the Chicago Cubs, the  
18 Chicago Bears, the University of Notre Dame football team, and  
19 any team on which his grandchildren played; he enjoyed  
20 watching birds and squirrels and loved his little dog, Sparky;  
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22           WHEREAS, Jim Flynn was preceded in death by his parents;  
23 his sister, Marikaye; his brothers-in-law, Scotty Maas,

1 Marshall Hopping Jr., Merv Haycock, Jack Kocher, Jim Casey,  
2 John Brophy, and Bill Brophy; his sisters-in-law, Sister  
3 Madeliene Marie Brophy and Jean Ann Brophy; and his grandson,  
4 Will Flynn; and

5 WHEREAS, Jim Flynn is survived by his wife, Trish; his  
6 children, Bridget (Vince) Kemper, Maureen (Bill) Birdoes,  
7 Margaret "Peggy" (Tom) Dwyer, Timothy (Katy) Flynn, and James  
8 (Tricia Fox) Flynn; his 19 grandchildren; his four  
9 step-grandchildren; his three great-grandchildren; his sister,  
10 Carol Hopping; and his many nieces, nephews, and cousins;  
11 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 James Francis "Jim" Flynn and extend our sincere condolences  
15 to his family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be  
16 it further

17 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
18 presented to the family of Jim Flynn as an expression of our  
19 deepest sympathy.