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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 William "Bill" Kesler, who passed away on November 3, 2022; and

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WHEREAS, Bill Kesler was born to Clifford and Frances Kesler in Danville on May 3, 1928; he graduated from Danville High School in 1946; he earned his degree in Accounting from the University of Illinois in 1950; he graduated from the University of Illinois College of Law in 1952; he married Carol Marie Janson in East Orange, New Jersey in 1954; after her passing, he married Beverly Shea in Danville in 1983; and

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WHEREAS, Bill Kesler joined Gunn and Hickman Law after graduation; as a lawyer, he became well known throughout the Danville area; and

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WHEREAS, Bill Kesler was a strong supporter of the Danville community; he formerly served on the boards of Springhill Cemetery, the Danville Library, the Danville Symphony Foundation, the DACC Foundation, and the Danville Country Club; and

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WHEREAS, Bill Kesler was a longtime member of St. James United Methodist Church, the Danville Rotary Club, the YMCA,

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1 and the Danville Country Club; he had a passion for golf,
2 golfing at Danville Country Club since he was 14 and playing
3 three times a week into his 90s; he also enjoyed cheering for
4 the Fighting Illini and the Chicago Cubs; he loved traveling,
5 especially taking his annual winter trips to Siesta Key,
6 Florida; and

7 WHEREAS, Bill Kesler will be remembered for his affable
8 personality; and

9 WHEREAS, Bill Kesler was preceded in death by his parents;
10 his twin brother, Robert Kesler; his wife, Carol; and his
11 stepdaughter, Libby Shea; and

12 WHEREAS, Bill Kesler is survived by his wife, Beverly
13 Kesler; his daughter, Ann (Russ) Covode; his son, John (Amy)
14 Kesler; his grandchildren, Leslie Kesler, Becca (Jim) Berry,
15 Emma Covode, and Christine Covode; his stepchildren, Dr. John
16 (Jennifer) Shea, Jennifer Shea, and Kathleen Shea; and his
17 step-grandchildren, John Dickson, Katie Shea, and Jack
18 (Ashley) Shea; therefore, be it

19 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL
20 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
21 Bill Kesler and extend our sincere condolences to his family,
22 friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it further

1 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
2 presented to the family of Bill Kesler as an expression of our
3 deepest sympathy.