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HOUSE RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of Representatives are saddened to learn of the death of William "Bill" Burns of Lake Villa, who passed away on March 21, 2023 at the age of 84; and

WHEREAS, Bill Burns was married to his wife Betty for 64 years; she was his first date, and they attended the junior prom together; and

WHEREAS, Professionally, Bill Burns had a 30-year career at Abbott Medical and started his own computer company as a challenge; and

WHEREAS, Bill Burns was active in sports throughout his entire life, including wrestling at the University of Notre Dame and managing the Boston Red Sox minor league level A team; he also expanded the Waukegan Youth Boxing Club and became a national level boxing judge; and

WHEREAS, Beginning with the 1968 Summer Olympics in Mexico City, Bill Burns and Betty traveled to over 53 countries, many of them more than once; he enjoyed planning the trips as much as actually traveling; later in life, he enjoyed golfing, and he golfed in all 50 states and several foreign countries; and

1 WHEREAS, After retiring from his computer company, Bill
2 Burns filled his days with volunteering at Prince of Peace
3 Catholic Church, the Lake Villa Township Lions Club, and the
4 Lake Villa Historical Society; he also helped on many local,
5 state, and national political campaigns; and

6 WHEREAS, Bill Burns is survived by his wife; his
7 daughters, Roxanne Vatter, Karen Burns, and Lilynn Kattner;
8 his grandchildren, Savannah Vatter, Jacob Vatter, Steven
9 Peklay, Christopher Peklay, Kaelen Kattner, Joshua Kattner,
10 Emily Kattner, and Erin Taylor; his five great-grandchildren;
11 his son-in-law, Dennis Bunsen; and his sister, Barbara Carter;
12 therefore, be it

13 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
14 HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
15 we mourn the passing of William "Bill" Burns and extend our
16 sincere condolences to his family, friends, and all who knew
17 and loved him; and be it further

18 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
19 presented to the family of Bill Burns as an expression of our
20 deepest sympathy.