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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 John Robert Bagley of Pekin, who passed away on June 10, 2023; and

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WHEREAS, John Bagley was born to Chester and Edna Mae (Harper) Bagley in Kirksville, Missouri on June 24, 1937; he attended Kirksville public schools and graduated from Kirksville High School in 1955; he received his Bachelor of Arts in Economics from the University of Missouri at Columbia in 1959, where he was a member of Beta Theta Pi Fraternity, Scabbard & Bladewhile, and the baseball program; he later tried out for the St. Louis Cardinals in 1960; he married Mary Laura Frings at St. Paul United Church of Christ in Pekin on January 28, 1961; he earned his Juris Doctor from the University of Michigan in 1962; he was inducted into service in the U.S. Army at Ft. Sill, Oklahoma, and he served honorably from June 1962 to October 1965; he attained the rank of captain and served in the Judge Advocate General's Corps; and

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WHEREAS, John Bagley was admitted to the Missouri Bar in 1962 and the Illinois Bar in 1966; he began practicing law in Pekin in November 1965; he became a partner in the firm of Frings, Hoffman & Bagley in 1967, which subsequently became Bagley & Miller with the addition of Louis E. Miller; his areas

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1 of concentration were banking law, estate planning, and
2 corporate law; he served as corporate counsel, director, and
3 shareholder of the Herget Financial Corporation and Herget
4 National Bank from 1977 until its sale in 2015; and

5 WHEREAS, John Bagley was a member of the Illinois State
6 Bar Association and the Missouri Bar Association; he belonged
7 to the Tazewell County Bar Association and served as its
8 president in from 1972 to 1973; he was a member of the Pekin
9 Country Club and was a past member of its Board of Governors;
10 he was also a member of the Olde Florida Golf Club in Naples,
11 Florida, where he spent the winter months; he served as
12 uncompensated counsel for the St. Paul United Church of
13 Christ, the Tazewell Animal Protective Society, Tazewell Youth
14 Hockey, and the Pekin Day Care Center; and

15 WHEREAS, John Bagley was community-minded and helped raise
16 funds for the Boy Scouts, TAPS, the Heart Fund, Tazewell Youth
17 Hockey, Christian Civic Outreach, and the Leadership Circle of
18 the United Way of Pekin; he was a regular supporter of St. Jude
19 Children's Research Hospital; he made anonymous contributions
20 for various community park projects in Pekin and Kirksville,
21 Missouri; and

22 WHEREAS, As a child, John Bagley attended First
23 Presbyterian Church in Kirksville, Missouri and was a member

1 of St. Paul United Church of Christ in Pekin; and

2 WHEREAS, John Bagley loved snow skiing; he also enjoyed
3 golfing, water skiing, boating, clay shooting, and keeping up
4 to date with the latest sports cars; and

5 WHEREAS, John Bagley was preceded in death by his parents;
6 his sister, Carolyn Ann Harding; and his sister-in-law, Bettie
7 Laier; and

8 WHEREAS, John Bagley is survived by his wife; his nephew,
9 John David (Rebecca) Harding; his niece, Susan E. (Mark)
10 Sells; six great-nieces and great-nephews; his sister-in-law,
11 Charlotte Cardiff; his brother-in-law, Clyde Laier; and his
12 niece by marriage, Becky (Mark) Beasley and her daughter;
13 therefore, be it

14 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL
15 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
16 John Robert Pekin and extend our sincere condolences to his
17 family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it
18 further

19 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
20 presented to the family of John Bagley as an expression of our
21 deepest sympathy.