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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate wish to recognize Dave Rydell for his business and civic leadership, his charitable generosity, his abiding respect for others, and his decades-long dedication to the betterment of his community; and

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WHEREAS, Dave Rydell serves as chairman of Bergstrom Inc., a designer and builder of climate systems for the commercial vehicle industry, which was founded in 1949 and will be celebrating its 75th anniversary on June 22, 2024; currently, the company employs over 1,500 people globally, and additional locations include Wales, Spain, China, and Mexico; and

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WHEREAS, Dave Rydell's business strategy has always revolved around employment in Rockford; expanding the company globally has secured, sustained, and expanded employment opportunities locally; a code of conduct, which all employees are expected to follow, includes treating everyone with respect, honesty, dignity, and courtesy; employees maintain Bergstrom's integrity and reputation through behavior that is performance-driven, professional, and ethical; and

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WHEREAS, Dave Rydell has served on many community boards and continues to do so; he currently serves on the boards for

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1 SwedishAmerican Hospital (past board chair), the Salvation
2 Army, the Golden Apple Foundation, and the University of
3 Illinois College of Medicine Dean's Action Committee; and

4 WHEREAS, Dave Rydell previously served on the boards of
5 Rockford University (chair), the Transform Rockford Steering
6 Committee, the Rockford Rescue Mission, Lutheran Social
7 Services of Illinois, U.S. Bank, the United Way of Rock River
8 Valley (2005 campaign chair), the Center for Sight and Hearing
9 (past board chair), the Rockford YMCA, the Midway Village and
10 Museum Center, the Nicholas Conservatory Steering Committee,
11 and Friends of the Coronado; and

12 WHEREAS, Dave Rydell has received numerous recognitions,
13 including the 2004 Betty Henry Award, the 2005 Excalibur
14 Award, the 2008 Rockford Business Hall of Fame Award, the 2016
15 Rockford Chamber of Commerce Citizen of the Year Award, and
16 the 2018 Lincoln Laureate Award; and

17 WHEREAS, Dave Rydell has supported many events, including
18 Stars & Stripes - A Salute to Our Veterans, A Night of
19 Appreciation for the Rockford Fire Department, and the
20 Bergstrom Stateline Quiz Bowl; and

21 WHEREAS, Dave Rydell founded the Bergstrom Inc. Charitable
22 Foundation in 1967, which has provided much needed support for

1 organizations in the Rockford region, including
2 not-for-profits, healthcare, the arts, and education;
3 therefore, be it

4 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL
5 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we recognize Dave
6 Rydell on his commitment to his community; and be it further

7 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
8 presented to Dave Rydell as a symbol of our respect and esteem.