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SENATE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate are saddened
3 to learn of the death of Bruce Alexander Campbell II of Tucson,
4 Arizona, formerly of Springfield, who passed away on March 7,
5 2024; and

6 WHEREAS, Bruce Campbell was born to Joseph Bruce and Ruth
7 Norcom Campbell in Chicago on October 19, 1929; he and his
8 family moved to Nashville, Illinois in 1933; he graduated from
9 Western Military Academy in Alton and the University of
10 Illinois in 1951, where he served as president of Sigma Alpha
11 Epsilon and belonged to the honorary journalism fraternity,
12 Sigma Delta Chi; he served in the U.S. Army until June 1953 and
13 was stationed in Korea for one year; he married Alice Jean
14 Keller in Paris, Illinois on July 25, 1953; and

15 WHEREAS, Bruce Campbell began his career at General
16 American Life Insurance Company in St. Louis in 1953,
17 transferring to the Chicago office after one year; he joined
18 Illinois Bell Telephone Company in Peoria in 1955, later
19 working in the Chicago, New York, and Springfield offices; he
20 created Illinois Bell's economic development organization in
21 1978, which was adopted by most of its companies across the
22 country; he retired as director of economic development from
23 Illinois Bell, then known as Ameritech, with offices in

1 Springfield and Chicago; and

2 WHEREAS, During his career, Bruce Campbell led several
3 business organizations, including the Sangamon County Economic
4 Council, the Illinois Development Council, and the Mid America
5 Economic Council; he also served as a member of the private
6 sector board to the Illinois Department of Commerce and
7 Community Affairs, and he belonged to the Belleville Elks
8 Lodge, the Sangamo Club, and Illini Country Club; and

9 WHEREAS, Bruce Campbell and his family resided in
10 Springfield for 30-plus years, where he was very active in
11 community affairs, including serving as president of the
12 Springfield Boys and Girls Clubs, the Sangamon State
13 University Foundation, and the Sangamon County University of
14 Illinois Alumni Association; he founded and was the first
15 president of the Central Illinois Public Relations Society,
16 and he served as the public relations director of the 1973 and
17 1982 United Way of Sangamon County campaigns; he served on the
18 board of directors of the Springfield Library, the Springfield
19 Symphony Orchestra, Memorial Medical Center, the Dana Thomas
20 House Foundation, and the University of Illinois National
21 Alumni Association; he was a member of the American Business
22 Club, the Capitol Bicentennial Commission, and Westminster
23 Presbyterian Church, where he served as both a deacon and an
24 elder; and

1 WHEREAS, Bruce Campbell loved history, traveling, and
2 spending time with family and friends; he researched, wrote,
3 and published Sangamon Saga, a 365-page hardcover pictorial
4 history of Sangamon County; he also researched and recorded
5 his family genealogy, and he chronicled his many journeys
6 across the globe; he enjoyed entertaining, maintaining
7 lifelong friendships, and making new friends; he especially
8 enjoyed vacationing with his family in San Diego, California,
9 Old Mission, Michigan, and Mexico; and

10 WHEREAS, After retirement, Bruce Campbell and his wife,
11 Alice, split their time between Springfield and Tucson, later
12 making Tucson their permanent home; while there, he became an
13 active volunteer at both Tucson Memorial Center and Northwest
14 Hospital, and he was a member of St. Michael Episcopal Church
15 and Skyline Country Club; and

16 WHEREAS, Bruce Campbell was preceded in death by his son,
17 Bruce A. Campbell III; and

18 WHEREAS, Bruce Campbell is survived by his wife; his
19 children, Cynthia (Morris) McWilliams, Craig Campbell, and Tom
20 Campbell; his daughter-in-law, Jean; and his grandchildren,
21 Allison McWilliams, Melissa Campbell, Andrew Campbell, and
22 Michael Campbell; therefore, be it

1 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL
2 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
3 Bruce Alexander Campbell II and extend our sincere condolences
4 to his family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be
5 it further

6 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
7 presented to the family of Bruce Campbell as an expression of
8 our deepest sympathy.