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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 Patrick L. "Pat" Ward of Peoria, who passed away on March 10, 2024; and

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WHEREAS, Pat Ward was born to William R. and Theresa (Murray) Ward in Peoria on March 23, 1950; he married Kathleen Berchtold in Peoria on February 12, 2005; and

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WHEREAS, Pat Ward worked and retired as chairman of South Side Bank in Peoria; he later owned and operated National Marine Sales in Peoria Heights; he was the retired chairman of Mid Illinois Bank Corp and a former teacher at Illinois Central College; he was also previously an owner of the Peoria Pirates football team and a founder of the Junior Football League (JFL) in Peoria; and

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WHEREAS, Pat Ward was a past board member and president of the St. Jude Midwest Affiliate Clinic, a past board member of Easterseals and Eureka College, a past board member and chairman of the Peoria Gridiron Dinner, a board member and state chair of the American Institute of Bankers, a lifetime member of the St. Patrick's Society in Peoria, and a board member of the South Side Office of Concern, the South Side Businessmen's Club, the Peoria Chamber of Commerce, the Peoria

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1 Zoning Commission, the Peoria Housing Authority, the Creve
2 Coeur Club, Neighborhood House, and IRBBA; he was also a
3 member and past commodore of the IVY Club, and he served on the
4 IVY Club Foundation Board; and

5 WHEREAS, Pat Ward was a fan of the Notre Dame football team
6 and the Chicago Bears; he enjoyed cheering for his
7 grandchildren's sports teams from the sidelines; and

8 WHEREAS, Pat Ward was preceded in death by his sister,
9 Colleen Hillard; and

10 WHEREAS, Pat Ward is survived by his wife; his children,
11 Jason (Beth) Ward, Jeff (Jessica) Ward, Whitney Thompson, and
12 Nick (Devon) Thompson; his grandsons, Brandon, Brady, Gavin,
13 Dayne, and August Thompson; his sister, Kathleen (Wally)
14 Harper; and his brother, Tim (Sue) Ward; therefore, be it

15 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL
16 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
17 Patrick L. "Pat" Ward and extend our sincere condolences to
18 his family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it
19 further

20 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
21 presented to the family of Pat Ward as an expression of our

1 deepest sympathy.