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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 William Moreland "Bill" Kuhne of Champaign, who passed away on February 2, 2018; and

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WHEREAS, Bill Kuhne was born in Urbana to Robert and Elizabeth Cook Kuhne on July 6, 1932; he graduated from University High School in 1948; he earned a Bachelor of Arts in Economics from Ohio Wesleyan University in 1952; he married Doris Anne "Susie" Blair in Columbus, Ohio on June 15, 1957; and

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WHEREAS, Bill Kuhne was a proud third-generation general contractor; he started on his path to success with Jones & Laughlin Steel Company in 1952; he then joined the family construction business, Kuhne Simmons Company in 1956, which eventually led to his leadership role at Petry-Kuhne Company in Champaign; he was quietly proud of the impact the companies and their projects made on the campus of the University of Illinois, around Champaign-Urbana, and throughout Central Illinois; and

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WHEREAS, Bill Kuhne was an active member of the Central Illinois Builders, the Association of General Contractors, and the American Institute of Contractors; he served in many

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1 leadership roles, including chairing multiple subcommittees  
2 and serving in executive committee positions; he also inspired  
3 the next generation of contractors by participating on the  
4 construction advisory committees at Bradley University and  
5 Iowa State University; and

6 WHEREAS, Bill Kuhne was an active member of the community;  
7 he was a lifelong member of the Community Foundation of  
8 Champaign County, a past chairman of the Champaign County  
9 Regional Planning Commission, a past president of the Champaign  
10 Rotary Club, a past president of the Champaign Country Club, a  
11 past director of the Champaign Chamber of Commerce, and a past  
12 chairman of the City of Champaign Plan Commission; he was  
13 elected to the Champaign City Council and during his tenure  
14 also held the position of deputy mayor; he was also an active  
15 member of St. Peter's United Church of Christ, where he served  
16 as an elder and trustee; and

17 WHEREAS, Bill Kuhne was an avid golfer and held the proud  
18 distinction of a hole-in-one at the Champaign Country Club; he  
19 and his wife enjoyed many great adventures with the late Fred  
20 and Betty Blythe, their good friends; he was a loving and  
21 devoted husband, brother, father, grandfather, and  
22 great-grandfather; and

23 WHEREAS, Bill Kuhne was preceded in death by his friends

1 and business partners, Jim Sullivan and Bill Dallenbach; and

2 WHEREAS, Bill Kuhne is survived by his wife, Susie; his  
3 daughters, Nancy (David) Welsh and Karen (Robert) Sibert; his  
4 grandchildren, Katharine (Joel) Bonasera, Libby Glass, Laura  
5 Sibert, and David Sibert; his great-grandchildren, Quinten and  
6 Jane Anne Bonasera; his brother, Christopher (Sandy) Kuhne; his  
7 sister-in-law, Caroline Blair Ettinger; and his many cousins,  
8 nieces, and nephews; therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDREDTH GENERAL  
10 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of  
11 William Moreland (Bill) Kuhne and extend our sincere  
12 condolences to his family, friends, and all who knew and loved  
13 him; and be it further

14 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
15 presented to the family of Bill Kuhne as an expression of our  
16 deepest sympathy.