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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 M. Lynn Martin of Springfield, who passed away on September 16, 2020; and

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WHEREAS, Lynn Martin was born in Vincennes, Indiana to Hugh A. and Ruth E. (Clark) Martin on November 2, 1948; he grew up in Lawrenceville and attended Southern Illinois University; he served in the U.S. Army from 1969 through 1971, which included time as a chaplain's assistant in Heidelberg, Germany; he married Diane Midkiff on August 7, 1971, and they relocated to Oklahoma, where he attended Oklahoma Baptist University; and

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WHEREAS, Lynn Martin and his wife returned to Illinois in 1973, and he began his ministry at First Baptist Church in Effingham; shortly thereafter, he was ordained by the Southern Baptist Church; he ministered through music to several churches in Springfield, including Springfield Southern Baptist Church, Wesley United Methodist Church, First United Methodist Church, and, most recently, Third Presbyterian Church; professionally, he worked for the State of Illinois and retired in 2010; and

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WHEREAS, Lynn Martin was a talented pianist, singer, and choral director; he gave his time and talents to local community theaters and served on production staffs and

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1 performed with The Muni, the Springfield Theater Center, the
2 Theater in the Park, and The Legacy Theater; he also
3 accompanied a variety of musicals for area schools and served
4 as a judge in regional school music contests; in his
5 retirement, he was a music teacher at St. Aloysius School; and

6 WHEREAS, Lynn Martin was an advocate for honoring the
7 American flag; he had the privilege of serving as a volunteer
8 guardian with the Land of Lincoln Honor Flight chapter and
9 accompanied World War II and Korean War veterans on trips to
10 the memorials in Washington, D.C.; he was also proud to serve
11 as a local election judge; and

12 WHEREAS, Lynn Martin was affectionately known as "Paw Paw"
13 to his grandchildren; his heart was never more full than when
14 he was with his family; and

15 WHEREAS, Lynn Martin was preceded in death by his parents;
16 his sister, Marianna Martin; his father-in-law, Elvis J.
17 Midkiff; his brothers-in-law, Elvis L. and Lyle E. Midkiff; and
18 his sister-in-law, Cheryl Gadberry; and

19 WHEREAS, Lynn Martin is survived by his wife of 49 years,
20 Diane; his sons, Ryan Martin, Bradley (Adria) Martin, and
21 Jeffrey Martin; and his grandchildren, Hope, Madison, Jake,
22 Addie, Karli, Andrew, Clara, and Ava; therefore, be it

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

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