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1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of  
3 Representatives are saddened to learn of the death of Robert  
4 P. "Bob" Blazier of Crystal Lake, who passed away on January 9,  
5 2025; and

6 WHEREAS, Bob Blazier, the son of Charles and Mary  
7 (Hopkins) Blazier, was born in Kewanee on August 31, 1926; he  
8 married Rosemary Riva on June 11, 1949, and they moved to  
9 Crystal Lake in 1962 and became integral members of the  
10 community; and

11 WHEREAS, Bob Blazier served as superintendent of Crystal  
12 Lake Elementary School District 47 until his retirement in  
13 1985, where he inspired a generation of students and educators  
14 with his commitment to quality education; he also served as  
15 vice president of marketing and education for Northwestern  
16 Medicine McHenry Hospital, formerly the Northern Illinois  
17 Medical Center; he concluded his career as a communications  
18 officer at Home State Bank; and

19 WHEREAS, Bob Blazier was the longtime president of the  
20 Crystal Lake Chamber of Commerce; he was behind several major  
21 initiatives in the community, including Operation Click and  
22 the McHenry County Economic Development Corporation; he also



1 established the Crystal Lake Chamber of Commerce Foundation  
2 and was instrumental in starting the Crystal Lake Young  
3 Professionals organization; during his tenure, he was noted  
4 for being the epitome of a servant leader while assisting the  
5 chamber as a dedicated ambassador, a connector of people, and  
6 a great communicator; and

7 WHEREAS, Bob Blazier helped found the Centegra Foundation,  
8 the McHenry County College Foundation, and the Raue Center for  
9 the Arts Foundation; he established the Bob Blazier Run for  
10 the Arts, an event that showed his dedication to artistic  
11 endeavors with the Raue Center for the Arts and was well  
12 attended for many years; and

13 WHEREAS, Bob Blazier received the honor of the Crystal  
14 Lake School District 47 CORE Center and the Crystal Lake  
15 Chamber of Commerce Center building being named after him for  
16 all of his years of service; and

17 WHEREAS, Bob Blazier had many passions; he enjoyed  
18 attending family trips in Door County, Wisconsin, dining at Da  
19 Baffone in Crystal Lake, and working out and running daily at  
20 Health Bridge Fitness Center well into his late 80s; he was  
21 also a longtime member of the Crystal Lake Country Club, where  
22 he loved playing golf, going out for dinner with family, and  
23 attending various brunches; and



1 WHEREAS, Bob Blazier, often referred to as "Mr. Crystal  
2 Lake", made an immeasurable impact on the Crystal Lake area;  
3 he was known for his leadership, his unwavering commitment,  
4 and his boundless dedication and genuine care for others; he  
5 will be remembered for his quick wit, his warm smile, and his  
6 deep love for Crystal Lake; and

7 WHEREAS, Bob Blazier was preceded in death by his parents  
8 and his wife of 75 years, Rosemary; and

9 WHEREAS, Bob Blazier is survived by his son, John (Amy)  
10 Blazier; two granddaughters; and two great-grandchildren;  
11 therefore, be it

12 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE  
13 HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
14 we mourn the passing of Robert P. "Bob" Blazier and extend our  
15 sincere condolences to his family, friends, and all who knew  
16 and loved him; and be it further

17 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
18 presented to the family of Bob Blazier as an expression of our  
19 deepest sympathy.