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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.