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SENATE RESOLUTION

2        WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate are saddened  
3 to learn of the death of Ralph Vernon Froehling of Canton, who  
4 passed away on January 9, 2025; and

5        WHEREAS, Ralph Froehling, the son of Arthur and Julia  
6 (Wilkenning) Froehling, was born in Harvey on October 5, 1928;  
7 he graduated from Cissna Park High School; he enlisted in the  
8 U.S. Army, serving from 1946 to 1948; with funding from the  
9 G.I. Bill, he attended the University of Illinois and was  
10 accepted into the University of Illinois Law School, earning  
11 his Juris Doctor in 1952; he married Jean Millington at Wesley  
12 United Church in Canton on January 27, 1952; he was recalled to  
13 active duty during the Korean War and served in the Advocate  
14 General Department of the Army; and

15       WHEREAS, Ralph Froehling began his legal practice in Oak  
16 Park and then practiced law in Galesburg; he joined the  
17 Chiperfield Law Firm in Canton in 1956; attorneys Ron Weber  
18 and Nancy Schell became partners years later, and the firm is  
19 currently known as Froehling, Weber & Schell; and

20       WHEREAS, Ralph Froehling was recognized as Senior  
21 Counselor by the Illinois Bar Association in 2002; and

1        WHEREAS, Ralph Froehling was an active member of his  
2        community, serving in the Kiwanis Club of Canton and the  
3        Canton Rotary Club as well as on the Board of the  
4        Parlin-Ingwersoll Library Board of Trustees and with other  
5        local organizations; and

6        WHEREAS, Ralph Froehling was preceded in death by his  
7        brother, Harold, and his sister, Alice; and

8        WHEREAS, Ralph Froehling is survived by his wife, Jean;  
9        his sons, Alan Froehling, John Froehling, and David Froehling;  
10       his daughter, Lynn (Brian) Martie; eight grandchildren; 12  
11       great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces, nephews,  
12       great-nieces, and great-nephews; therefore, be it

13       RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL  
14       ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of  
15       Ralph Vernon Froehling and extend our sincere condolences to  
16       his family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it  
17       further

18       RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
19       presented to the family of Ralph Froehling as an expression of  
20       our deepest sympathy.