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1 SENATE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate are saddened  
3 to learn of the death of Arthur Earl Spiegel of Springfield,  
4 who passed away on March 4, 2025; and

5 WHEREAS, Arthur Spiegel, the son of Rev. Dr. Clarence and  
6 Gertrude Spiegel, was born in Akron, Ohio on January 23, 1929;  
7 he and his family moved to Springfield in 1938; he graduated  
8 from Trinity Lutheran School in 1942 and Lanphier High School  
9 (LHS) in 1946, and he was later inducted into the LHS Hall of  
10 Fame in 2019; he enlisted in the U.S. Navy in October 1948; he  
11 was later drafted into the U.S. Army, and he was honorably  
12 discharged in December 1952; after briefly attending the  
13 school before his military service, he returned to Illinois  
14 State University in 1953, receiving his Bachelor of Science in  
15 Education in January 1956 and his Master of Science in Public  
16 School Administration in 1961; and

17 WHEREAS, Arthur Spiegel began his teaching career at  
18 Springfield High School; he later worked as a teacher and  
19 principal at Sherman Elementary School during the 1965-1966  
20 school year; he served as principal at Athens High School from  
21 1967 to 1979 and as superintendent of Athens Community Unit  
22 School District 213 from 1969 to 1971; during these years, he  
23 served on the board of directors of the Illinois State

1 University Alumni Association; he began working for the  
2 Illinois Secretary of State in 1971, remaining in that office  
3 for 12 years; he then served as utility property manager at  
4 City Water, Light & Power (CWLP) for eight years, retiring in  
5 1991; and

6 WHEREAS, Arthur Spiegel was elected as charter president  
7 of the Kiwanis Club, Springfield North in 1965 and lieutenant  
8 governor of Division 11, Illinois-Eastern Iowa District of  
9 Kiwanis International in 1970; he also served as a counselor  
10 to the Kiwanis Lanphier High School Key Club; he served as  
11 scoutmaster of Boy Scout Troop 47, Trinity Lutheran Church,  
12 and he was also a member of the Land of Lincoln Scout Council,  
13 serving as chairman of the School Night for Cubing; he later  
14 served as cub scoutmaster for Troop 20, Our Savior's Lutheran  
15 Church; he was a member of the Land of Lincoln Barbershop Choir  
16 and the Illinois Symphony Choir; and

17 WHEREAS, Arthur Spiegel enjoyed playing the piano at  
18 nursing homes, high-rise apartment buildings, church  
19 functions, and Kiwanis Clubs in the Springfield area; in  
20 retirement, he played the piano at Concordia Village, where he  
21 also served as charter president of the Independent Resident  
22 Council; and

23 WHEREAS, Arthur Spiegel committed to his faith at an early

1 age, being baptized on February 10, 1929, and he was a life  
2 member of the Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod; and

3 WHEREAS, Arthur Spiegel was preceded in death by his  
4 parents; his daughter, Cheryl (Gum); his brothers, Walter and  
5 Fred; and his sisters, Helen (Royal) and Ruth (Bojarzin); and

6 WHEREAS, Arthur Spiegel is survived by his wife, Jean; his  
7 daughter, Kim (Ed) Thayer; his stepson, Ed (Sharon) Curtis;  
8 his stepdaughter, Nancy Jackson; eight grandchildren; and 15  
9 great-grandchildren; therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL  
11 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of  
12 Arthur Earl Spiegel and extend our sincere condolences to his  
13 family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it  
14 further

15 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
16 presented to the family of Arthur Spiegel as an expression of  
17 our deepest sympathy.