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1 SENATE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate are saddened  
3 to learn of the death of William F. "Bill" Murphy Jr., the  
4 former Mayor of the Village of Woodridge, who passed away on  
5 March 30, 2025; and

6 WHEREAS, Bill Murphy, the son of Dr. William Murphy and  
7 Agnes Murphy, graduated from Immaculate Conception Grade  
8 School in Elmhurst, Illinois, St. Bede Academy in Peru,  
9 Illinois, and St. Joseph's College in Collegeville, Indiana;  
10 he received a master's degree in education administration and  
11 supervision from Roosevelt University; and

12 WHEREAS, Bill Murphy began his career in education with  
13 Chicago Public Schools, where he worked for five years; he  
14 proceeded to join Woodridge School District 68, where he  
15 served as a principal for five years and then as assistant  
16 superintendent for personnel, a position he held for 29 years  
17 until he retired in 2004; in retirement, he received the  
18 distinction of the board of education renaming the Woodridge  
19 Elementary School as the William F. Murphy Elementary School  
20 to honor his service to the school district and community; and

21 WHEREAS, Bill Murphy was the longest-serving Mayor of  
22 Woodridge and of DuPage County; he initially served as a

1 village trustee after first being elected in 1973, a position  
2 he held for two four-year terms; he was then elected as Mayor  
3 of Woodridge in 1981, serving in that position across 32 years  
4 until he retired on April 30, 2013; and

5 WHEREAS, Bill Murphy further assisted his community  
6 through serving as president of the DuPage Mayors and Managers  
7 Conference, vice chairman of the DuPage Water Commission,  
8 president of the Illinois Municipal League, vice president of  
9 the Illinois International Port District, and as a member of  
10 the National League of Cities Board of Directors; he also  
11 served as a founding board member of Giant Steps, an autism  
12 center of excellence in Liste; and

13 WHEREAS, Bill Murphy was a lifetime devoted fan of the  
14 Green Bay Packers; and

15 WHEREAS, Bill Murphy touched many lives during his 55  
16 years of service and kindness to the Woodridge community,  
17 Woodridge School District 68, DuPage County, and the State of  
18 Illinois; his legacy will live on through the Woodridge  
19 Village Hall being renamed as the William F. Murphy Jr.  
20 Village Hall in honor of his exemplary public service and his  
21 selfless dedication to the Woodridge community; and

22 WHEREAS, Bill Murphy was the husband of Liz (Campbell)

1 Murphy for over 58 years; the father of Jennifer (Larry)  
2 Lawson, Lisa (Doug) Young, William Murphy III, and Colleen  
3 (Tom) Bosche; the grandfather of six; the brother of Timothy,  
4 Anne Schiller, Jane Wangler, Mary Hauert, Charles Murphy, and  
5 Peggy Grobe; and the relative of many brothers-in-law,  
6 sisters-in-law, nieces, nephews, and cousins; therefore, be it

7 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL  
8 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of  
9 William F. "Bill" Murphy Jr., the former Mayor of the Village  
10 of Woodridge, and extend our sincere condolences to his  
11 family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it  
12 further

13 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
14 presented to the family of Bill Murphy as an expression of our  
15 deepest sympathy.