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SENATE RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate are saddened to learn of the death of Francis J. "Bud" Daly Jr., who passed away on January 28, 2025 at the age of 92; and

WHEREAS, Bud Daly was born to Joseph and Evelyn (Fagen) Daly in Chicago on April 11, 1932; and

WHEREAS, Bud Daly attended St. Philip's High School, opening an auto parts store with his friends, Tim and Ralph, shortly after graduating; and

WHEREAS, Bud Daly married his wife, Mary, in 1960, and together, they shared 52 years of marriage before Mary's passing in 2012; and

WHEREAS, Bud Daly had a successful 30-year career in sales when, at a crossroads in his personal and professional life, he decided to visit the church to reflect; Fr. Lennon noticed him in the pews and started a conversation that ultimately changed Bud's direction and outlook; though he did not share specific details, he spoke of it until his final days, and his children would refer to him as "Fr. Bud" when they believed advice was about to be delivered; and

1 WHEREAS, Bud Daly retired in 2000, and he spent his free
2 time traveling the world with Mary; their favorite destination
3 was Ireland, and they took their children there frequently;
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5 WHEREAS, Bud Daly was an avid sports fan, always rooting
6 for his favorite teams, including Notre Dame, the Chicago
7 Bears, and the Chicago Cubs, which he finally saw win the World
8 Series in 2016; and

9 WHEREAS, Bud Daly was incredible at making life-long
10 friends at every stage, always staying in touch, and he taught
11 his family what true love is in life; and

12 WHEREAS, Bud Daly was preceded in death by his parents;
13 his brother, William Daly; his sisters, Mary Patricia "Pat"
14 Sorto and Evelyn "Sally" Tully; and his beloved cousin,
15 Margaret "Margie" Hanley Harmon; and

16 WHEREAS, Bud Daly is survived by his children, Timothy
17 (Roisin) Daly and Janet (Kyle) Melancon, and his
18 grandchildren, Hannah Melancon, Kyle Melancon, Kieran Daly,
19 and Aidan Daly; therefore, be it

20 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL
21 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of

1 Francis J. "Bud" Daly Jr. and extend our sincere condolences
2 to his family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be
3 it further

4 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
5 presented to the family of Bud Daly as an expression of our
6 deepest sympathy.