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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate are saddened to learn of the death of Robert Eugene "Bob" Leistner of Springfield, who passed on November 18, 2025; and

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WHEREAS, Bob Leistner was born to Elmer William and Emma Louise Leistner in Springfield on January 6, 1938; he graduated from Springfield High School in 1956 and attended Vanderbilt University; he graduated from MacMurray College in 1960 with a Bachelor of Science in Business and Economics; he played basketball at both institutions and was affectionately known as "Tall #54"; he married Rosemary Leach on June 24, 1961; and

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WHEREAS, Bob Leistner joined M.J. Kellner Company in June 1960, retiring in 1988 after 28 years of service, including the last 16 years as general manager; and

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WHEREAS, Bob Leistner focused on community service during his retirement; he served as president of Contact Ministries and served on numerous other boards, including the Boys and Girls Club of Springfield, First State Bank (1984-1988), Springfield Mass Transit District (1989-1999) where he served four years as board chairman, and Security Bank Board (1994-2003) where he served three years as building project

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1 manager; and

2 WHEREAS, Bob Leistner's favorite sport was golf, and he
3 was a longtime member of the Illini Country Club, where he
4 served as past president and was a Illini golf club champion;
5 he also earned the rare achievement of making four
6 holes-in-one; he was past chairman and two-time champion of
7 the Central Illinois Senior Golf Association Tournament; and

8 WHEREAS, Bob Leistner was past president of the MacMurray
9 College Alumni Board and the recipient of the Distinguished
10 Alumni Award in 1985, and he was inducted into the MacMurray
11 College Athletic Hall of Fame in 2011; he was the reunion
12 chairman for his Springfield High School Class of 1956 for 50
13 years; and

14 WHEREAS, Bob Leistner was a lifelong member of First
15 Church of Christ, Scientist in Springfield, where he served as
16 First Reader, board member, treasurer, and auditor; he was
17 also a member of First Church of Christ, Scientist in Boston;
18 he was an astute bridge player and enjoyed many years playing
19 with the Duplicate Bridge Club of Springfield, where he earned
20 the prestigious title of Silver Life Master; he was also a
21 former member of the Capital Investment Club and a stamp
22 collector; and

1 WHEREAS, Bob Leistner was a snowbird for many years,
2 enjoying life with his wife in Naples, Florida as members of
3 Windstar on Naples Bay Country Club; and

4 WHEREAS, Bob Leistner was preceded in death by his
5 parents; his sisters, Helen Virginia and Elaine Ruth; his
6 in-laws, Edward and Louise Leach and Juliette Leach; and his
7 brother-in-law and sister-in-law, Bill and Carol Leach; and

8 WHEREAS, Bob Leistner is survived by his wife, Rosemary;
9 his daughter, Jill (Daniel) McClelland and grandchildren,
10 David and Michael McClelland; his son, Todd (Candice) Leistner
11 and grandchildren, Jack, Paige, and William Leistner and
12 Claire Mastio; his daughter, Kim Leistner and grandchildren,
13 Amanda and Vanessa Little; his brothers-in-law and their
14 wives, Ted and Beverly Leach and David and Janet Leach;
15 several nieces and nephews; and his dear stepsister, Sally
16 Salvador; therefore, be it

17 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL
18 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
19 Robert Eugene "Bob" Leistner and extend our sincere
20 condolences to his family, friends, and all who knew and loved
21 him; and be it further

22 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be

1 presented to the family of Bob Leistner as a symbol of our
2 deepest sympathy.