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1 SENATE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate are saddened
3 to learn of the death of Robert Bruce "Bob" Lyons, who passed
4 away on May 7, 2026; and

5 WHEREAS, Bob Lyons was born to Patrick B. Lyons and Margie
6 Franklin Lyons in Oak Park on September 18, 1938; he graduated
7 from J. Sterling Morton High School, and he earned his
8 Bachelor of Science in History and a master's degree from
9 Northern Illinois University; he served in the United States
10 Air Force in the late 1950s and early 1960s, being called to
11 active duty during the Cuban Missile Crisis; he married Nancy
12 Kaminski, and they bought their first home in Hoffman Estates,
13 where they lived for 54 years; six years ago, they moved to
14 Friendship Village, now known as Encore Village, where he
15 shared his knowledge of politics as a regular contributor to
16 the weekly Current Events program; and

17 WHEREAS, Bob Lyons was a high school teacher at
18 Barrington, Conant, and Hoffman Estates high schools for 32
19 years, and he chaired the Social Science Department for 22
20 years; during his 30-year career at Hoffman Estates High
21 School, he coached girls and boys cross country; he was a
22 member of Local 1211 of the Northwestern Suburban Teachers
23 Union; in retirement, he served on the Illinois Teachers

1 Retirement System Pension Board for 12 years, through which he
2 kept teachers informed about their retirement funds and
3 visited retired teacher groups throughout Northern Illinois;
4 and

5 WHEREAS, Bob Lyons, in his spare time, served on the
6 Schaumburg Township District Library Board from 1969 to 2013;
7 during his 44-year tenure, he helped guide the library through
8 an era of extraordinary growth, innovation, and community
9 service; he also served as a member of the team that built the
10 new library, overseeing Schaumburg Township District Library
11 transforming into one of the State's largest and most
12 respected public libraries; his service earned him numerous
13 honors, including the Illinois Library Association Trustee
14 Citation Award in 2002 and the American Library Association
15 Trustee Citation Award in 2005; and

16 WHEREAS, Bob Lyons was always an avid reader of books,
17 especially alternative history, the Civil War, and thrillers,
18 passing his love of reading onto his children; he also enjoyed
19 keeping in touch with family, friends, and former
20 student-athletes through letters, cards, emails, and Facebook;
21 and

22 WHEREAS, Bob Lyons was preceded in death by his brother,
23 Richard Patrick Lyons; and

1 WHEREAS, Bob Lyons is survived by his wife of 63 years,
2 Nancy Kaminski Lyons; his children, Mike S. (Doreen) Lyons,
3 John P. Lyons, and Mary C. Lyons; two granddaughters; and one
4 great-granddaughter; therefore, be it

5 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL
6 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
7 Robert Bruce "Bob" Lyons and extend our sincere condolences to
8 his family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it
9 further

10 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
11 presented to the family of Bob Lyons as an expression of our
12 deepest sympathy.