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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 Daniel M. "Dan" Pierce of Highland Park, who passed away on February 13, 2020; and

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WHEREAS, Dan Pierce was born in Chicago on March 31, 1928; he graduated from New Trier High School; he earned degrees from Harvard College and Harvard Law School; he served in the U.S. Air Force Judge Advocate General's Corps and attended the U.S. Air Force Command & Staff School during the Korean War; he married Rhoda Ann Kaplan; and

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WHEREAS, Dan Pierce was with the law firm of Altheimer, Gray, Naiburg, Strasburger & Lawton for the remainder of his legal career; and

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WHEREAS, Dan Pierce served in the Illinois House of Representatives from 1965 to 1985; during that time, he was the chairman of the House Environment Committee; he was very proud to be involved in the passage of a special education bill for school age children and also the Pollution Control Act in 1969, a year before the Federal Government took action; and

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WHEREAS, Dan Pierce served as a three-term mayor of Highland Park from 1987 to 1995 and 1999 to 2003; his

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1 accomplishments in office included overseeing the completion  
2 of the Clavey Road clover leaf project, working on the Sister  
3 Cities Foundation, and preserving the former American Legion  
4 building on Sheridan Road, which is now home to The Art Center  
5 of Highland Park; and

6 WHEREAS, Dan Pierce was elected to the North Shore Water  
7 Reclamation District, formerly known as the North Shore  
8 Sanitary District, in 2004; he was currently serving as its  
9 president and had been in that position for over a decade; and

10 WHEREAS, Dan Pierce further served his community as a  
11 member of the American Legion Board, the Healthcare Foundation  
12 of Highland Park Board of Trustees, and the Rotary Club of  
13 Highland Park/Highwood; and

14 WHEREAS, Dan Pierce was respected for his wit and  
15 intelligence; he was a mentor, friend, and colleague to all who  
16 came to know him; he leaves behind a legacy of community and  
17 public service accomplishments; and

18 WHEREAS, Dan Pierce was preceded in death by his sister,  
19 Ellen (Gardner) Grant; and

20 WHEREAS, Dan Pierce is survived by his wife of almost 39  
21 years, Rhoda Ann Pierce; his sons, Andrew (Margalynne), Anthony

1 (Teresa), and Theodore (Anne); his stepsons, Eric (Blake) and  
2 Peter (Katie); his grandchildren, Rebecca, Catherine, Oliver,  
3 Martin, Ellen, Phoebe, and Roscoe; and his sister, Susan  
4 (Louis) Axelrod; therefore, be it

5 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL  
6 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of  
7 Daniel M. "Dan" Pierce 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 Dan Pierce as an expression of our  
12 deepest sympathy.