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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 "Bob" Eugene Billiter of Morton, who passed away on August 8, 2020; and

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WHEREAS, Bob Billiter was born to Joseph and Georgene Conklin Billiter in Atlanta, Illinois on April 9, 1931; he was a 1949 graduate of Atlanta High School and attended Illinois State Normal University; he enlisted in the United States Army in 1951; although he suffered from rheumatic fever and was later hospitalized for six weeks while in basic training, he served his country with the 5th RCT in Korea during the Korean conflict from 1951 to 1953; he rotated back to the states the day after the Armistice was signed in July of 1953; he married Wanda Reinhart in Waynesville on June 13, 1954; and

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WHEREAS, Upon returning from the service, Bob Billiter worked briefly for the Atlanta Argus newspaper and for General Electric in Bloomington; he then began work at the Cutler Hammer Eaton Corporation in Lincoln; in 1993, he retired as a senior buyer for Cutler Hammer Eaton after 35 years of service; and

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WHEREAS, Bob Billiter was a lifelong member of the Atlanta Methodist Church, where he served for many years on the

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1 Administrative Council and Trustees; he was also an active
2 member of the Atlanta Methodist Men; he served on the Atlanta A
3 Team, as past president of the Central Illinois Purchasing
4 Association, as past president of the Atlanta Lions Club, and
5 as a trustee for the Abraham Lincoln Hospital Board from 1975
6 to 1981, and he was a 67-year member of the Atlanta American
7 Legion Post 341; he said his most satisfying service to the
8 Atlanta community was as treasurer on the Atlanta Library Board
9 when the clock tower at the corner of Race and Arch streets was
10 constructed on the library grounds; and

11 WHEREAS, Bob Billiter loved spending time with Wanda, his
12 family, and friends at many Lake of the Ozarks resorts; in
13 1984, he and Wanda purchased a cabin on the lake in Camdenton,
14 Missouri, where many fond memories were made with their
15 grandchildren and great-grandchildren; and

16 WHEREAS, Bob Billiter was preceded in death by his parents
17 and his two brothers, Edward and Joseph Jr; and

18 WHEREAS, Bob Billiter is survived by his wife of 66 years,
19 Wanda; his son, Kirk (Rebecca) Billiter; his daughter, Carolyn
20 (Gary) Henricks; his five grandchildren, Jenna (Lance)
21 Montgomery, Andrew (Rachel) Henricks, Derek (Kara) Henricks,
22 Dylan (Sophie) Henricks, and Kelsey Henricks; and his nine
23 great-grandchildren, Gracyn, Graham, and Sloane Montgomery,

1 Leo and Ivy Henricks, and Oliver, Audrey, Phoebe, and Ruby
2 Henricks; therefore, be it

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

8 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
9 presented to the family of Bob Billiter as an expression of our
10 deepest sympathy.