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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of Representatives are sadden to learn of the death of longtime Barrington resident and philanthropist Richard S. Pepper, who passed away on January 28th, 2021; and

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WHEREAS, Richard Pepper was born on June 23rd, 1930; he attended Northwestern University in Evanston where he met his wife Roxelyn (Roxy) in 1949; and

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WHEREAS, After the unexpected passing of his father and founder of Pepper Construction, Stacy F. Pepper, Richard Pepper assumed the role of president of the company in 1957 at just 27 years old; and

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WHEREAS, Together with his wife, Richard Pepper grew the Chicago-based firm into a nationally recognized contractor; and

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WHEREAS, Richard Pepper was responsible for several suburban landmarks being built, including Nordstrom stores at Woodfield Mall and the Old Orchard Shopping Center, corporate headquarters for Kraft in Northfield and Grainger in Lake Forest, and hospital projects such as Advocate Condell's West Tower addition in Libertyville and Central DuPage Hospital's

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1 bed tower addition in Winfield; he also built the Village Hall  
2 in Barrington Hills in the 70s with no cost to the taxpayers;  
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4 WHEREAS, Richard Pepper held several leadership positions  
5 in the construction industry, including serving as president  
6 of the Associated General Contractors of America in 1983 and  
7 as chairman of the Chicago and Northeast Illinois District  
8 Council of Carpenters Apprentice and Trainee Program; and

9 WHEREAS, Richard and Roxy Pepper were major financial  
10 backers of the Barrington Historical Society and helped launch  
11 the Pepper Family Tree House at Citizens Park, among many  
12 other things; and

13 WHEREAS, Richard and Roxy Pepper were honored several  
14 times for their philanthropic work, including in 2017 for  
15 supporting Maryville's Center for Children and by the Illinois  
16 Humanities Council with a Studs Terkel Humanities Service  
17 Award 2016; and

18 WHEREAS, In 2001, Richard and Roxy Pepper became the first  
19 couple to be awarded the Northwestern Medal of Honor; and

20 WHEREAS, Richard Pepper is survived by his loving wife of  
21 69 years, Roxy; his five children, Stan (Chris) Pepper, Lynda

1 (Bob) Bollman, Richard Pepper, Lisa Pepper, and Scot Pepper;  
2 his 18 grandchildren; and his 18 great-grandchildren;  
3 therefore, be it

4 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE  
5 HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
6 we mourn the passing of Richard S. Pepper and extend our  
7 sincere condolences to his family, friends, and all who loved  
8 and knew him; and be it further

9 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
10 presented to the family of Richard Pepper as an expression of  
11 our deepest sympathy.