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SENATE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate are saddened
3 to learn of the death of Bryant Martin of Springfield, who
4 passed away on April 28, 2021; and

5 WHEREAS, Bryant Martin was born in Plantersville, Alabama
6 to Nettie and Jessie Martin on September 10, 1924; he served in
7 the U.S. Army during World War II; he worked alongside a
8 traveling circus and visited major capital cities; as the
9 circus came and went from Springfield, he stayed to build his
10 home; he married Geneva Ruth Work, and they raised six
11 children; he later married Bertha Burton, and they raised six
12 children; and

13 WHEREAS, Bryant Martin was a trained welder, and he worked
14 at Allis Chalmers/Fiat Allis and as a jack-of-all trades; he
15 was known as the on-call, go-to repairman for various
16 renovations with the church, the church family of Greater All
17 Nations Tabernacle, and the surrounding community; and

18 WHEREAS, For touching the lives of many, Bryant Martin was
19 honored by the City of Springfield with a proclamation naming
20 September 10, 2014 as Bryant "Junior" Martin Day; and

21 WHEREAS, Bryant Martin was deeply committed to his faith;

1 while growing up, he attended churches in Plantersville,
2 Marion, and Birmingham, Alabama; he was a member of Greater
3 All Nations Tabernacle in Springfield, where he served as a
4 deacon; he gained his physical and spiritual strength from his
5 faith; and

6 WHEREAS, Bryant Martin enjoyed golfing, bowling, playing
7 dominos and cards, and spending time with his family; he
8 constantly traveled to enjoy visits with family and friends;
9 he was a champion in all things, and he even qualified and
10 participated in the Senior Olympics; and

11 WHEREAS, Bryant Martin was affectionately known as "Junior
12 Martin"; while he held several jobs throughout his life, he
13 was best known for his role as a father and for the wisdom he
14 imparted to all of his children; and

15 WHEREAS, Bryant Martin was preceded in death by his
16 brother, Percy (Mattie) Martin; his sisters, Willie Bell
17 (Calvin) Hill and Ella Mae (Jim) Morton; and his wives, Ruth
18 Work Martin and Bertha Burton Martin; and

19 WHEREAS, Bryant Martin is survived by his children, John
20 B. Martin, Connie Baldwin, Bry-Ann Wilks, Melton Guy Martin,
21 Zenobia (Anthony) Rhone, Bryant Phillip Martin, Lawrence
22 Martin, Geneva (Robert) Doss Smith, Charmain (Larry Kittrell)

1 McCullum, Renee (Ben) Piphus, Leslie (Mark) Wilson, and
2 Michael Martin; his grandchildren; his great-grandchildren;
3 his great-great-grandchildren, and a host of nieces and
4 nephews; therefore, be it

5 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL
6 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
7 Bryant Martin and extend our sincere condolences to his
8 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 Bryant Martin as an expression of
12 our deepest sympathy.