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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives are saddened to learn of the death of Alan L.
4 "Al" Larson, the former and longest-serving Mayor of the
5 Village of Schaumburg, who passed away on March 19, 2024; and

6 WHEREAS, Al Larson was born to a Chicagoan mother and
7 Swedish immigrant father on October 21, 1938; he was an Eagle
8 Scout; he graduated from Lane Tech College Prep High School in
9 1956; he and his wife, Nancy, moved to Schaumburg in 1969,
10 where they raised their five children; he earned an Associate
11 of Science from William Rainey Harper College in Palatine in
12 1972; and

13 WHEREAS, Al Larson was a dedicated servant to the Village
14 of Schaumburg for more than 45 years; he became involved in
15 politics in the early 1970s; he was appointed chair of the
16 Schaumburg Environmental Committee and as a member of the
17 Zoning Board of Appeals by then-Mayor Bob Atcher in 1974; he
18 served as a trustee on the Village Board from 1975 to 1987,
19 working alongside Mayors Ray Kessell and Herb Aigner to
20 establish and implement village policy; and

21 WHEREAS, Al Larson served as Mayor of the Village of
22 Schaumburg for eight terms from 1987 to 2019; for over three

1 decades, he dedicated himself to serving the residents of
2 Schaumburg, priding himself on being highly accessible and
3 responsive to their needs; he was actively engaged in the
4 community and focused on improving the quality of life for
5 those that lived, worked, and conducted business in the
6 village; and

7 WHEREAS, Al Larson was ardently dedicated to the arts, and
8 this dedication was recognized when the Schaumburg Prairie
9 Center was renamed in his honor as the Al Larson Prairie Center
10 for the Arts in 2017; and

11 WHEREAS, Al Larson was a naturalist, and he had a lifelong
12 love and appreciation of nature; and

13 WHEREAS, Al Larson will be remembered as a visionary
14 leader whose guidance and service made a lasting, positive
15 impact on the Village of Schaumburg; and

16 WHEREAS, Al Larson is survived by his wife of 60 years; his
17 children and their spouses, Michael, Catherine, Elizabeth,
18 David, and Jennifer; 12 grandchildren; and his sister, Lorna;
19 therefore, be it

20 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
21 HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that

1 we mourn the passing of Alan L. "Al" Larson, the former and
2 longest-serving Mayor of the Village of Schaumburg, and extend
3 our sincere condolences to his family, friends, and all who
4 knew and loved him; and be it further

5 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
6 presented to the family of Al Larson as an expression of our
7 deepest sympathy.