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SENATE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate are saddened
3 to learn of the death of Richard P. "Dick" Robinson of
4 Springfield, who passed away on January 1, 2024; and

5 WHEREAS, Dick Robinson was born to Robert Junior and Doris
6 Mason Robinson in Sebring, Florida on December 22, 1942; he
7 graduated from the Air Force Military Dependents High School
8 in Madrid, Spain; he attended college at Colorado State
9 University at Pueblo, Lincoln College, and the University of
10 Illinois Springfield; he served in the U.S. Air Force from
11 October 1961 to October 1965, achieving the rank of airman
12 first class; he married Marie Cunningham Malek on November 19,
13 1993; and

14 WHEREAS, Dick Robinson earned a reputation as a committed
15 and effective State of Illinois administrator and community
16 service leader; during his public service career, he served in
17 the offices of the Illinois Secretary of State, the Illinois
18 Attorney General, and the Illinois Department of Human
19 Services; he also participated in the political process,
20 working for Jim Edgar's successful election campaign for
21 Illinois Governor in 1990; and

22 WHEREAS, In the Secretary of State's office, Dick Robinson

1 helped lead an initiative to return state license plate
2 manufacturing to Illinois, moving it to a non-profit entity to
3 employ persons with disabilities; as deputy director of
4 Business Services, he also played a role in implementing the
5 State of Illinois' Limited Liability Companies Act, and he
6 presented the State's then-groundbreaking program nationally;
7 he retired from public service in 2003; and

8 WHEREAS, Dick Robinson was a proud and active member of
9 Rotary International, beginning in Lincoln in 1977, and he
10 later belonged to the Springfield Sunrise Club; he served as
11 club president from 1998 to 1999 and as district governor for
12 Rotary District 6460 from 2006 to 2007; he was a Paul Harris
13 Fellow and a Rotary Foundation Benefactor; he represented
14 Rotary International during the 2006 St. Louis Cardinals World
15 Championship season, even throwing out the first pitch at
16 Busch Stadium; and

17 WHEREAS, Dick Robinson served on the local board of the
18 American Cancer Society's Relay for Life, the Epilepsy
19 Foundation District Board, and SPARC; he also served as vice
20 chairman for the International Association of Corporate
21 Administrators; and

22 WHEREAS, Dick Robinson was an avid fan of the University
23 of Illinois Fighting Illini, the St. Louis Cardinals, and the

1 Dallas Cowboys; he participated in a Land of Lincoln Honor
2 Flight to Washington, D.C. in September 2022; and

3 WHEREAS, Dick Robinson was a loving husband, father,
4 grandfather, and friend; and

5 WHEREAS, Dick Robinson was preceded in death by his
6 parents; and

7 WHEREAS, Dick Robinson is survived by his wife, Marie
8 Malek Robinson; his brother, Charles Arthur (Susan) Robinson;
9 his sisters, Cheryl Williams and Doris (Kevin) Funk; his
10 children, Eric (Kim) Robinson, Dana (Kim) Robinson, Joe
11 (Seanna) Malek, and Jason (Karly) Malek; his grandchildren,
12 Emily Robinson, Bayley Robinson (Sam) Cooper, Braidy Robinson,
13 Alena Malek, Claire Carmean, Joey Malek, and Addie Malek;
14 therefore, be it

15 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL
16 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
17 Richard P. "Dick" Robinson and extend our sincere condolences
18 to his family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be
19 it further

20 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
21 presented to the family of Dick Robinson as an expression of

1 our deepest sympathy.