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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 Alan L. "Al" Larson, the former and longest-serving Mayor of the Village of Schaumburg, who passed away on March 19, 2024; and

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

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

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

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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 SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL
21 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of

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