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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 Francis Edward "Frank" Bockman of Aledo, who passed away on June 6, 2024; and

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WHEREAS, Frank Bockman was born to Albert and Catherine (Shephard) Bockman in Pontiac on December 10, 1942; he served in the U.S. Navy during Vietnam; he married Thomasine "Tommie" Cannell in Rockford on December 28, 1974; and

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WHEREAS, Frank Bockman taught sales and marketing at the Whiteside Area Vocational Center and through a work study program in Moline; he served as superintendent for school districts in Westmer, Freeport, Elgin, Cherry, and Bureau Valley; he last worked as interim superintendent for the Aledo School District; and

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WHEREAS, Frank Bockman was a member of the Aledo Kiwanis Club and the Plus 60 Club, and he served on the board of the Mercer County Senior Center; and

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WHEREAS, Frank Bockman cherished his time with his children, and he loved spending time with his dogs; and

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WHEREAS, Frank Bockman was known as a talented storyteller

1 and comedian who also possessed a beautiful singing voice; he  
2 will be remembered as a man of integrity who spent his life  
3 teaching others in and out of the classroom; and

4 WHEREAS, Frank Bockman was preceded in death by his  
5 parents; his stepmother, Pauline Bockman; his stepfather,  
6 Gerald Ryerson; and his stepbrother, Gene Tucker; and

7 WHEREAS, Frank Bockman is survived by his wife of 49  
8 years, Tommie Cannell; his son, Edward Bockman; his daughter,  
9 Catherine (Joseph Stanbary) Bockman; and his half brother,  
10 Thomas (Deb) Ryerson; therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL  
12 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of  
13 Francis Edward "Frank" Bockman and extend our sincere  
14 condolences to his family, friends, and all who knew and loved  
15 him; and be it further

16 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
17 presented to the family of Frank Bockman as an expression of  
18 our deepest sympathy.