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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 Robert James Ryan, who passed away on April 1, 2024; and

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WHEREAS, Robert Ryan was born in Derby, England to Robert A. Ryan and Isobel "Pat" England on September 28, 1953; he graduated from Ampleforth College in 1972, Aix-Marseille Université in 1978, and Oxford Brookes University in 1979; he moved to the U.S. in 1979 and married Bib Davis in 1980; and

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WHEREAS, Robert Ryan began working as a French tutor prior to starting his career in business development; he had a deep and abiding appreciation for history; he was always ready to share details about any and all British wars, and he loved traveling and learning about other cultures; he was a generous individual who loved helping others and was commonly found with a glass of red wine in his hand; and

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WHEREAS, Robert Ryan was a longtime active member of the Park Ridge community; he held many elected and volunteer positions, including serving as a Park Ridge alderman, as an Elementary School District 64 board member, and as the first chairman of the community's farmers market; and

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1 WHEREAS, Robert Ryan, in retirement, spent much of his
2 time in the south of France with Bib; he continued his
3 life-long dedication to volunteerism through the Newberry
4 Library when in the U.S.; he was a man of action who encouraged
5 people to pursue their passions in life, while making sure to
6 have fun along the way; and

7 WHEREAS, Robert Ryan is survived by his wife, Bib; his
8 three sons, Christopher, David, and Corby; his daughters, by
9 marriage, Clémence (David) and Noelle (Corby); his
10 granddaughter, Léonie; and his siblings, Trisha, Dolly,
11 Claire, John, Paul, Mary Ann, and Deborah; therefore, be it

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

17 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
18 presented to the family of Robert Ryan as an expression of our
19 deepest sympathy.