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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 E. "Bob" Chipman of Jacksonville, who passed away on July 20, 2024; and

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WHEREAS, Bob Chipman was born and raised in Jacksonville; he graduated from Illinois College in 1974, and he was also a graduate of the Realtors' Institute; and

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WHEREAS, Bob Chipman, a licensed real estate broker and a state-certified appraiser, owned Chipman Realtors and Appraisers; he formerly worked for the Farmers State Bank and Trust Company; in his professional capacity, he was a past president of the local Association of Realtors and served as chairman of the local Multiple Listing Service for many years; and

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WHEREAS, Bob Chipman was dedicated to his alma mater and became known as "Mr. Illinois College"; he served on the Illinois College Board of Trustees for 25 years, remaining as a trustee emeritus after retiring, and as chairman of the Capital Improvements Committee; he and his wife, Janet, were actively involved in campus as alumni, attending concerts, literary society events, and athletic and theater events; and

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1 WHEREAS, Bob Chipman was involved in many local
2 organizations, including the Jacksonville Area Museum, the
3 Jacksonville Public Schools Foundation, and the Bob Freesen
4 YMCA; he served as president of the Prairieland United Way
5 Board and the Jacksonville Kiwanis Club and on the board of
6 what is known now as Jacksonville Memorial Hospital; he was
7 also active with the Jacksonville Area Chamber of Commerce,
8 serving on its board for three years, including as board
9 chairman in 2022; and

10 WHEREAS, Bob Chipman was a man of faith and an active,
11 longtime member of First Presbyterian Church in Jacksonville,
12 serving as a church elder and on the board of trustees; he and
13 Janet also taught the adult Sunday school class together for
14 30 years; and

15 WHEREAS, Bob Chipman was recognized for his contributions
16 to Illinois College and his community, receiving an honorary
17 doctorate from the school and being inducted into the
18 Jacksonville Hall of Fame; and

19 WHEREAS, Bob Chipman was known for his honesty, his
20 generosity, and his smile; he will be remembered for his love
21 of and dedication to his community, his alma mater, and his
22 church; and

1 WHEREAS, Bob Chipman was the husband of Janet and the
2 father of Timothy and Andrew; therefore, be it

3 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL
4 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
5 Robert E. "Bob" Chipman and extend our sincere condolences to
6 his family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it
7 further

8 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
9 presented to the family of Bob Chipman as an expression of our
10 deepest sympathy.