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SENATE RESOLUTION

2        WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate are saddened  
3 to learn of the death of John Francis "Jack" Leuck of Pekin,  
4 who passed away on March 8, 2025; and

5        WHEREAS, Jack Leuck was born to John and Leona (Nilan)  
6 Leuck in Harlan, Iowa on January 1939; he served as a military  
7 police officer in the U.S. Army for two years; he received his  
8 bachelor's degree in finance and marketing from Creighton  
9 University in 1962; he married Joan Petersen on February 10,  
10 1962, and they were married for 58 years until she preceded him  
11 in death on November 25, 2020; he earned his Juris Doctor from  
12 Creighton University School of Law in 1966; and

13       WHEREAS, Jack Leuck served as an agent for the Federal  
14 Bureau of Investigation (FBI); his work took him and his  
15 family to Omaha, Nebraska, Houston, Texas, and Atlanta,  
16 Georgia before they settled in Peoria, Illinois in 1972; he  
17 was promoted to special agent in charge of the Peoria FBI  
18 Office in 1987, a position he held until his retirement in  
19 1989; during his career, he was very active in the FBI, serving  
20 as a legal instructor, teaching firearms classes for many  
21 different law enforcement agencies, and serving as a SWAT  
22 agent for 17 years, and his FBI and SWAT career led him to  
23 investigate many high-profile cases throughout the United

1 States; and

2 WHEREAS, Jack Leuck, after retiring from a 23-year career  
3 in the FBI, served as police chief of the Pekin Police  
4 Department before practicing law; he began his law career in  
5 Peoria and Tazewell County, serving the community as an  
6 attorney and public defender for 27 years; he officially  
7 retired in 2019, having protected and served his community for  
8 53 years in total; and

9 WHEREAS, Jack Leuck was an active member of the Knights of  
10 Columbus and St. Joseph's Parish in Pekin, where he served as a  
11 lector for many years; he also volunteered and supported many  
12 charities; and

13 WHEREAS, Jack Leuck loved all sports, especially the  
14 Creighton Blue Jays, the Iowa Hawkeyes, his grandchildren's  
15 games, and about any other sport he could find on TV; and

16 WHEREAS, Jack Leuck was preceded in death by his parents;  
17 his brother, Charles Leuck; his sisters-in-law, Joyce Petersen  
18 and Linda Berzina; and his brothers-in-law, Gerald Petersen  
19 and Joseph Berzina; and

20 WHEREAS, Jack Leuck is survived by his children, Patrick  
21 (Jonna) Leuck, Michelle (Christopher) Hutchinson, Kari (Mark)

1 Ballinger, and Jason (Molly) Leuck; nine grandchildren; many  
2 great-grandchildren; his friends, and his trusty companion,  
3 Angel; therefore, be it

4 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL  
5 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of  
6 John Francis "Jack" Leuck and extend our sincere condolences  
7 to his family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be  
8 it further

9 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
10 presented to the family of Jack Leuck as an expression of our  
11 deepest sympathy.