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1 SENATE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate are saddened
3 to learn of the death of Kenneth "Ken" Kaiser of Taylor Ridge,
4 who passed away on April 3, 2025; and

5 WHEREAS, Ken Kaiser was born to Elmer and Grace Kaiser on
6 June 30, 1930 and grew up in Moline near Wharton Field House;
7 he graduated from Moline High School in 1949; he served with
8 the National Guard 223rd field artillery for five years as a
9 mess sergeant and attended regular army school in Fort
10 Sheridan; he married Carol Irene in Chicago on April 10, 1954;
11 and

12 WHEREAS, Ken Kaiser's work ethic started young with one of
13 his first jobs delivering coal before and after school in a
14 wheelbarrow; his first real job was at the original Whitey's
15 Ice Cream, and his early career included being a lineman for
16 Iowa Illinois Gas & Electric (MidAmerican Energy) until he
17 moved to the country to help his family in a new business,
18 Edgington Food and Locker, which he and his family owned and
19 operated for 45 years; he treasured those years and always
20 talked about how welcoming the community was to him and how he
21 valued his many customers and the friends he met; and

22 WHEREAS, Ken Kaiser loved to strike up a conversation with

1 strangers, and he was always very noticeable in one of his many
2 hats; he loved his children, grandchild, and
3 great-grandchildren and always had a stash of new presents for
4 when they came to visit; he appreciated his Edgington
5 Evangelical Presbyterian Church family and enjoyed having
6 lunch with several of them and a friend each Sunday; and

7 WHEREAS, Ken Kaiser was a member of the Masonic Lodge 23rd
8 degree; and

9 WHEREAS, Ken Kaiser was preceded in death by his wife of 67
10 years, Carol; his parents; his brothers, Richard Kaiser and
11 Kay Kaiser; and his sister-in-law, Nancy Kaiser; and

12 WHEREAS, Ken Kaiser is survived by his children, Ken
13 Kaiser and Karrie (Wyatt) Fuhr; his grandchild, Tia Fuhr (Wes
14 Steele); his great-grandsons, Arlo and Hank; and numerous
15 in-laws, nieces, and nephews; therefore, be it

16 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL
17 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
18 Kenneth "Ken" Kaiser and extend our sincere condolences to his
19 family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it
20 further

21 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be

1 presented to the family of Ken Kaiser as an expression of our
2 deepest sympathy.