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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

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