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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 John M. Blachinsky of Kewanee, who passed away on March 22, 2025; and

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WHEREAS, John Blachinsky was born to Charles "Chick" Blachinsky and Elizabeth "Bette" O'Connor in Kewanee on August 12, 1947; he attended Visitation Catholic School and Kewanee High School; he then attended Bemidji State University in Minnesota; he enlisted in the U.S. Navy, where he served at the Navy Air Station Miramar, now the Marine Corps Air Station Miramar, in San Diego, California until 1973; he graduated from John Marshall Law School, known today as the University of Illinois Chicago School of Law, in 1976; and

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WHEREAS, John Blachinsky ran his family's practice, the Blachinsky Law Office, until 2015; he then worked for the Barash & Everett law firm; during his career, he served as the city attorney for Kewanee and several local municipalities and as an attorney for the Kewanee Park District, the Henry County Housing Authority, and Kewanee Municipal Airport; and

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WHEREAS, John Blachinsky was an active member of Kiwanis International, serving as a local club president and supporting the local Key Club; he also supported Kewanee High

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1 School's athletic program, serving as the summer coach for the
2 girls basketball team for over 30 years and as a volunteer at
3 track and cross county meets; and

4 WHEREAS, John Blachinsky was a charter member of the
5 Kewanee High School Hall of Fame, where he was inductee as both
6 a member of the 1963 football team and as a supporter of the
7 school; and

8 WHEREAS, John Blachinsky was preceded in death by his
9 parents and his great-aunt, Kathryn "D.D." Kirley; and

10 WHEREAS, John Blachinsky is survived by his wife,
11 Elizabeth; his daughters, Kara (Marty) Yepsen, Jennifer
12 (David) Angerame, and Tricia/PJ (Mark) Heinle; eight
13 grandchildren; his sisters, Mary Sue (John) Redebaugh, Jane
14 Cote, and Kay (Todd) Lindbeck; and numerous cousins, nieces,
15 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 John M. Blachinsky 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 John Blachinsky as an expression of
2 our deepest sympathy.