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1 SENATE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate are saddened
3 to learn of the death of Lloyd Benjamin Mills of Macomb, who
4 passed away on May 22, 2025; and

5 WHEREAS, Lloyd Mills was born to Goldie (Thatcher) and Ray
6 Mills Sr. in Janesville, Wisconsin on October 17, 1929; he
7 graduated from LaHarpe High School in LaHarpe, Illinois in
8 1947, where he lettered in football; he served in the U.S. Navy
9 for 20 years, achieving the rank of chief petty officer;
10 during his military service, he served in the Korean War and
11 spent nine months in the South Pole, Antarctica, as part of
12 Operation Deep Freeze; he married Alice Jackson in Industry on
13 October 17, 1953; and

14 WHEREAS, Lloyd Mills, after retiring from the Navy, worked
15 as maintenance supervisor at the Holiday Inn in Macomb and as
16 second shift supervisor at the Western Illinois University
17 Physical Plant until his retirement in 1999; and

18 WHEREAS, Lloyd Mills and his wife enjoyed the quiet of
19 country life after purchasing a home with acreage and loved
20 watching the birds and wildlife that visited their property;
21 they also enjoyed watching their children's and
22 grandchildren's many activities; and

1 WHEREAS, Lloyd Mills was an exceptional father and husband
2 who always put his family first, working tirelessly to give
3 his family what they needed, and he quietly helped those in
4 need without seeking recognition; he was also known for his
5 quick-wittedness and his ability to build and fix anything;
6 and

7 WHEREAS, Lloyd Mills was preceded in death by his wife of
8 63 years, Alice; his parents; his brothers, Ray (Flossie)
9 Mills Jr. and Gene (Darlene) Mills; his sisters, Naomi
10 (Herman) Akers and LaBelle (Wayne) Thompson; his daughter,
11 Laura (Raymond) Taylor; his siblings-in-law; and numerous
12 nieces and nephews; and

13 WHEREAS, Lloyd Mills is survived by his children, Kristine
14 (Gene) Frakes and Julia (Steve) Mills-Ruckman; eight
15 grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; and two
16 great-great-grandchildren; therefore, be it

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

1 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
2 presented to the family of Lloyd Mills as an expression of our
3 deepest sympathy.