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1 SENATE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate are saddened
3 to learn of the death of Gary R. Babcock of Jacksonville, who
4 passed away on June 3, 2025; and

5 WHEREAS, Gary Babcock, the son of Orrin and Margaret
6 Babcock, was born in Woodson on October 15, 1942; he served in
7 the United States Navy as a firefighter while aboard the USS
8 Oxford from 1961-1964; he married Joan R. Donnelly in New York
9 on February 14, 1964, and she preceded him in death on March
10 29, 2025; and

11 WHEREAS, Gary Babcock was employed by the City of
12 Jacksonville Fire Department in 1974, and he retired in 1997;
13 and

14 WHEREAS, Gary Babcock was an avid fisherman and hunter; he
15 was a member of the Cass County Muzzle Loader Club for many
16 years, had a talent for building and repairing Kentucky and
17 Flintlock Rifles, and won numerous marksmanship awards; he
18 also loved dogs; and

19 WHEREAS, Gary Babcock was known for his great respect for
20 wildlife and his love for helping others; and

1 WHEREAS, Gary Babcock is survived by his children, Gary
2 (Karen) Babcock and Mary Lanning; four grandchildren; and two
3 great-granddaughters; 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 Gary R. Babcock and extend our sincere condolences to his
7 family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it
8 further

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