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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 Charles Edward "Chuck" Radel of Quincy, who passed away on October 19, 2025; and

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WHEREAS, Chuck Radel, the son of Edward W. and Lilah Ruth (Carlisle) Radel, was born in Keokuk, Iowa on November 6, 1944; he was raised on a farm near Nauvoo, Illinois; he graduated from Nauvoo-Colusa High School; he received his bachelor's degree from Quincy University and his master's degree from Western Illinois University, and he also did graduate coursework in school administration from other schools over the years; he married Geraldine "Gerry" Fitzgerald on June 11, 1966; and

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WHEREAS, Chuck Radel was a history teacher at Quincy Junior High School before becoming the director of transportation for the Quincy Public School District; he later became assistant principal of Quincy Junior High School; he served the Quincy Public School District for 33 years; during his career, he offered his students memorable educational experiences, including canoe trips to the Current River and the Washington, D.C. trips for eighth graders, and he led more than 30 student trips to the Quetico Provincial Park for camping and canoeing in Ontario, Canada; he also upheld

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1 management of the Radel family farms along with his sister,
2 Pegi; and

3 WHEREAS, Chuck Radel was involved in his community,
4 serving as a member of St. Peter Catholic Church and as a past
5 president of the Historical Society of Quincy and Adams
6 County, where he spearheaded the creation of the History
7 Museum on the Square; he was also involved in the creation of
8 the Lincoln Gallery, was instrumental in the creation of the
9 Quincy portion of the Looking for Lincoln Waysides, and served
10 as the local representative to the statewide Looking for
11 Lincoln committee for many years; and

12 WHEREAS, Chuck Radel enjoyed working with the Boy Scouts
13 of America with his son and his grandson, Eddie; he also
14 enjoyed conducting historical reading and research, following
15 national and local news, canoeing, and camping; and

16 WHEREAS, Chuck Radel was preceded in death by his parents
17 and his brother, David Radel; and

18 WHEREAS, Chuck Radel is survived by his wife of 59 years,
19 Gerry; his children, Thomas "Ted" (Julie) Radel and Patricia
20 "Tricia" Radel; his grandchildren, Joseph Radel and Edward J.
21 "Eddie" (Toni) Radel; one expected great-grandchild; his
22 siblings, Mary Margaret "Pegi" (Bill) Langan and Patricia

1 "Pat" (Rev. Charles) Bradbury; his sibilings-in-law, Lenore
2 Radel, Dr. Victoria Fitzgerald, and Thomas "Tom" (Rosemary)
3 Fitzgerald; numerous nieces, nephews, and cousins; and other
4 relatives; therefore, be it

5 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL
6 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
7 Charles Edward "Chuck" Radel and extend our sincere
8 condolences to his family, friends, and all who knew and loved
9 him; and be it further

10 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
11 presented to the family of Chuck Radel as an expression of our
12 deepest sympathy.