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1 SENATE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate are saddened
3 to learn of the death of Robert "Bob" Van den Arend of Pekin,
4 who passed away on December 6, 2025; and

5 WHEREAS, Bob Van den Arend was born to Robert and Ada
6 (Furry) Van den Arend in Chicago on November 13, 1932; he
7 served in the U.S. Navy during the Korean War; he married Mary
8 Lou Whaley in Lewistown on March 14, 1954; and

9 WHEREAS, Bob Van den Arend worked as the director of
10 finance and administration for Illini Tech Systems, retiring
11 in 1989 after 31 years of service; and

12 WHEREAS, Bob Van den Arend served as the past chairman of
13 the American Welding Society, and he volunteered as an escort
14 at the Pekin Hospital for 15 years; and

15 WHEREAS, Bob Van den Arend was preceded in death by his
16 wife, Mary Lou, and his daughter, Bobbie Sue Van den Arend; and

17 WHEREAS, Bob Van den Arend is survived by his twin sister,
18 Roberta (the late Mel) Fletcher; one nephew; one great-nephew
19 and one great-niece; and three great-great-nephews; therefore,
20 be it

1 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL
2 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
3 Robert "Bob" Van den Arend and extend our sincere condolences
4 to his family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be
5 it further

6 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
7 presented to the family of Bob Van den Arend as an expression
8 of our deepest sympathy.