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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 Joseph Chaly Piland, Ed.D., who passed away on September 15, 2025; and

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WHEREAS, Joseph Piland was born to Claud and Virginia (Prince) Piland in Crossville on May 13, 1933; he received a bachelor's degree and a master's degree from Southern Illinois University (SIU), and he later earned his Doctor of Education from Illinois State University; while at SIU, he was a member of the Air Force Reserve Officers' Training Corps (ROTC) before serving on active duty as a first lieutenant in the United States Air Force; he married E. Jo Anne Piland, and she preceded him in death; he then married Maxine Piland; and

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WHEREAS, Joseph Piland served as a school principal in Rantoul before earning his doctorate degree from Illinois State University; he became the first president of Lincoln Trail College in Robinson, serving in that role until he became president of Highland Community College in Freeport in 1980; and

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WHEREAS, Joseph Piland attended Asbury Church in Tulsa, Oklahoma; he joined the Masonic Lodge of Norris City, May Lodge No. 718, in 1959, and he remained an active Freemason

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1 throughout his life, serving as the Worshipful Master of Krum
2 Masonic Lodge No. 1453 in Krum, Texas from 2018 to 2019, where
3 he earned the Golden Trowel Award for distinguished service in
4 2023; he was an Illinois, Texas, Scottish Rite, York Rite, and
5 Shrine Mason; and

6 WHEREAS, Joseph Piland's greatest pride and joy were his
7 grandchildren and great-grandchildren; and

8 WHEREAS, At the time of his passing, Joseph Piland was
9 survived by his wife, Maxine; his sons, John Charles (Debra)
10 Piland and James Robert (Ann) Piland; four grandchildren; and
11 four great-grandchildren; therefore, be it

12 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL
13 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
14 Joseph Chaly Piland, Ed.D. and extend our sincere condolences
15 to his family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be
16 it further

17 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
18 presented to the family of Joseph Piland as an expression of
19 our deepest sympathy.