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1 SENATE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate are saddened
3 to learn of the death of Ronald J. Ward of Chatham, who passed
4 away on January 31, 2026; and

5 WHEREAS, Ronald Ward was born to the late Russell and
6 Betty (Ewing) Ward in Jacksonville on June 22, 1950; he served
7 in the United States Navy during the Vietnam War; he married
8 Katherine M. "Kitty" Moran Koeppel on August 1, 1992; and

9 WHEREAS, Ronald Ward retired as a security therapy aide
10 from the Department of Human Services after 20 years of
11 service to the State of Illinois; and

12 WHEREAS, Ronald Ward enjoyed antique guns, daggers, cars,
13 and ham radio, but his greatest enjoyment came from taking
14 care of his family; and

15 WHEREAS, Ronald Ward is survived by his wife; his son,
16 Daniel Koeppel; his daughters, Elizabeth Koeppel and Katherine
17 Koeppel; his grandchildren, Parker Loveless and Hannah
18 Loveless; and his dog, Luna; therefore, be it

19 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL
20 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of

1 Ronald J. Ward and extend our sincere condolences to his
2 family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it
3 further

4 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
5 presented to the family of Ronald Ward as an expression of our
6 deepest sympathy.