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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 Jack Anthony Niekirk Jr. of Chillicothe, who passed away on April 1, 2019; and

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WHEREAS, Jack Niekirk Jr. was born in Peoria to Jack and Mildred Samms Niekirk Sr. on February 21, 1941; he married Gaye Bass in Peoria on February 25, 1962; and

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WHEREAS, Jack Niekirk Jr. worked as a fire fighter and retired as Captain in June of 1996 after 31 years of service; prior to that, he worked as a barber; and

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WHEREAS, Jack Niekirk Jr. served on the pension board for 46 years, including 28 years as president; he also served as a firefighter trustee; he was a member of Labor Local 165 and Fire Fighters Local 50; he loved his children and grandchildren and enjoyed attending their extracurricular activities; he always looked forward to Sunday dinners with his family; he was an avid fan of the St. Louis Cardinals and thought highly of his fellow firefighters; and

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WHEREAS, Jack Niekirk Jr. was preceded in death by his parents; his brothers, Steven and Randy; his sister-in-law, Diane Bass; and his brother-in-law, Raymond Fisher; and

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1 WHEREAS, Jack Nieukirk Jr. is survived by his wife of 57
2 years, Gaye; his sons, Jack (Jana Wagner-Keyes) Nieukirk III,
3 James (Jody) Nieukirk, and Jeffrey (Angela) Nieukirk; his
4 grandchildren, Jack Anthony (Michelle Mahoney) Nieukirk IV,
5 Maddison Nieukirk, Coleton Nieukirk, Nathan Nieukirk, Taylor
6 Nieukirk, Travis Nieukirk, and Meagan Nieukirk; his
7 great-grandchildren, Jack Anthony V, Bowie Mahoney, and Miles
8 Bailey; his sisters, Sandy Fisher and Connie (Chuck) Bradle;
9 his sisters-in-law, Alice Nieukirk and Scotti Nieukirk; and his
10 many nieces and nephews; therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL
12 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
13 Jack Anthony Nieukirk Jr. and extend our sincere condolences to
14 his family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it
15 further

16 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
17 presented to the family of Jack Nieukirk Jr. as an expression
18 of our deepest sympathy.