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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 Calvin Frank Kolar of Carbondale and Lake Gogebic, Michigan, who passed away on January 23, 2020; and

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WHEREAS, Calvin Kolar was born in Cicero to Albert and Ella Kolar on July 24, 1924; he graduated from Morton East High School in Cicero; he grew up during the Depression, and the experience became the foundation for his strong work ethic; he was inducted into the U.S. Army on May 29, 1943 and was honorably discharged on February 17, 1946; he married Ruth Helen Livzey on October 5, 1946; they had three children and raised them in Wonder Lake; they then built a home on the family farm in nearby Hebron; in the early 1960s, they purchased land on Lake Gogebic, Michigan, which became their summer and fall residence; during the winter months, they spent several years in Bradenton, Florida; they eventually moved to Carbondale, where their son was located; and

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WHEREAS, During WWII, Calvin Kolar served in the U.S. Army Air Corps; he initially went to pilot training school at North Carolina State University in Raleigh; as the war progressed, his entire pilot class was shifted into bomber air crew training; he was assigned to fly on a B-24 bomber and underwent training as an aerial gunner and navigator; he served as a

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1 member of a bomber crew, which was part of the Eighth Air Force
2 at the U.S. Army Air Corps base in Norwich, England; from late
3 January 1945 until the end of the war in May 1945, he
4 participated in bombing missions over Germany; over the years,
5 he stayed in touch with almost all of his former bomber crew
6 members; and

7 WHEREAS, Upon returning to the U.S., Calvin Kolar went into
8 the printing trade and apprenticed as a line-o-type operator;
9 he eventually became a journeyman typesetter; he worked out of
10 union halls in Chicago and Waukegan, working for such
11 newspapers as the Chicago Tribune and the Chicago Sun-Times; he
12 also worked for several smaller printing companies within the
13 Chicago and Waukegan area; he dabbled in odd jobs throughout
14 his life, including managing a "put and take" pheasant hunting
15 operation in northern Illinois for three years; alongside his
16 wife, he operated a concession/boat rental/bait shop business
17 for several years at the McHenry Dam and Moraine Hills State
18 Parks in McHenry County; and

19 WHEREAS, Calvin Kolar was very active in the International
20 Typographical Union and spent time on the picket lines on more
21 than one occasion; he was a strong supporter of workers'
22 collective bargaining rights; and

23 WHEREAS, Calvin Kolar was known for his devotion to his

1 family; he also had a penchant for outdoor activities,
2 including hunting, fishing, and mushroom hunting; he was also a
3 member of the Epiphany Lutheran Church in Carbondale; and

4 WHEREAS, Calvin Kolar was preceded in death by his wife of
5 71 years, Ruth Helen Livzey; and

6 WHEREAS, Calvin Kolar is survived by his son, Clay; his
7 daughters, Karen and Lynn; his five grandchildren; his four
8 great-grandchildren; and his many friends from Illinois,
9 Michigan, Florida, and elsewhere; therefore, be it

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

15 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
16 presented to the family of Calvin Kolar as an expression of our
17 deepest sympathy.