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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 Dale L. Baraks of Coal Valley, who passed away on April 22, 2020; and

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WHEREAS, Dale Baraks was born in Coal Valley to Lester and Grace (Harsha) Baraks on May 4, 1931; he attended Augustana College, where he played baseball as a shortstop and second baseman; he was scouted for the Chicago Cubs but was drafted while waiting for tryouts; he served in the U.S. Army as part of the finance department during the Korean War; he married Joyce A. Nash at Coal Valley Presbyterian Church on January 20, 1957; and

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WHEREAS, Dale Baraks was hired by the McLaughlin Body Company in 1962, and he eventually became the vice president of finance; in 2000, he ended his full-time career as senior vice president of the Southeast National Bank, which is owned by the McLaughlins; due to his loyalty and work ethic, he was invited back to the company by Ray McLaughlin to work as his personal assistant; he retired in 2015 at the age of 84; and

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WHEREAS, Dale Baraks was deeply committed to his faith; he volunteered and served at First Presbyterian Church, Coal Valley, and with various ministries; he held the "Cafe on Vine"

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1 ministry, which served the homeless, especially near to his
2 heart; he was instrumental in the development of the Riverbend
3 Foodbank, where he served as director for 30 years; he enjoyed
4 golfing, playing cards, and losing games of Yahtzee to his
5 wife; he loved reading and watching sports, especially the
6 Cubs; his greatest joy was spending time with his family; and

7 WHEREAS, Dale Baraks was preceded in death by his wife,
8 Joyce; his parents, Lester and Grace; and his two sisters,
9 Frances (Charles) Olson and Marge (Howard) Mundt; and

10 WHEREAS, Dale Baraks is survived by his daughters, Lisa
11 (Randy) Christensen and Sheri (Brian) Peed Fay; his son, Dale
12 (Nicole) Baraks; his adopted daughter, Connie (Kelly) Cooper;
13 his nine grandchildren; his 18 great-grandchildren; and his
14 eight great-great-grandchildren; therefore, be it

15 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL
16 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
17 Dale L. Baraks and extend our sincere condolences to his
18 family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it
19 further

20 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
21 presented to the family of Dale Baraks as an expression of our
22 deepest sympathy.