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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 Leonard E. Krusemark of Lincoln, who passed away on May 1, 2020; and

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WHEREAS, Leonard Krusemark was born to Elmer and Ruth Gould Krusemark in San Jose, Illinois on March 18, 1930; he graduated from Hartsburg High School in 1947 and attended the University of Illinois, joining the ROTC; he married Betty Ann Cross in Emden on January 22, 1950; while serving in the Illinois National Guard after college, Leonard's unit was called up in 1951; commissioned as a Second Lieutenant in Officer Training and Communications, he and his family were stationed at Ft. Benning, Georgia, Camp Cooke, California, and Ft. Lewis, Washington until after the Korean War ended in 1953; after his service, he farmed for over 50 years on the family property southwest of Emden; and

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WHEREAS, Serving the community was important to Leonard Krusemark, and he was happiest when he found some way to help; he served in leadership positions on the Farm Bureau and the Soil and Water Conservation Board; he also held a position on the Hartsburg-Emden School Board and tutored younger students in math and reading; in 2009, he received the Hartem Alumni Wall of Fame "Service to the District" Award for his efforts;

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1 he was a regular and committed blood donor who donated over 23  
2 gallons of blood over the years; he also served as a volunteer  
3 at the Abraham Lincoln Hospital in Lincoln; and

4 WHEREAS, Leonard Krusemark worked on several projects for  
5 the Logan County Habitat for Humanity and served on the Board  
6 of Directors for 25 years; in recognition, he was presented an  
7 Honorary Lifetime Membership award in 2019; Leonard was  
8 instrumental in securing and building the first Habitat house  
9 in Emden, and he was honored as the Lincoln Courier Citizen of  
10 the Year in 1998 for his contributions; and

11 WHEREAS, Leonard Krusemark was an active member of St.  
12 Peter Lutheran Church in Emden, where he taught an adult Sunday  
13 School class for over 50 years; he also served on the Church  
14 Council and the Worship Planning Committee, taught the Bethel  
15 Bible Series, was a member and past president of the Men in  
16 Mission Organization, was a member of Men's Brotherhood, and  
17 sang in the church choir; in the absence of a regular pastor,  
18 he taught confirmation classes; Leonard was continually active  
19 in Kogodus, by which thousands of people deepened their faith  
20 through weekend retreats and continued fellowship; and

21 WHEREAS, Leonard Krusemark made family a priority and  
22 especially enjoyed the annual summer camp outs with his  
23 children and grandchildren; music was a big part of Leonard's

1 life, and he instilled that love of music in his family; he  
2 will be remembered as a faithful, selfless, honest, loyal,  
3 humble, and generous man, full of integrity; and

4 WHEREAS, Leonard Krusemark was preceded in death by his  
5 parents; his beloved wife of 67 years, Betty Ann; his sister,  
6 Violet Alberts; and his daughter, Kay Tubbs; and

7 WHEREAS, Leonard Krusemark is survived by his four  
8 daughters, Sue Krusemark, Jill (Jamie) Voyles, Jan (Brian)  
9 Anderson, and Joy (Larry) Knicl; his son-in-law, Dick Tubbs;  
10 his eight grandchildren, Adam (Mel Bise) Voyles, Collin  
11 (Jessica Martin) Voyles, Shelby (Jake Mohr) Voyles, Erik  
12 Anderson, Claire (Brandon) Schnier, Alex (Katelyn) Knicl,  
13 Scott (Jessica) Knicl, and Lauren Knicl; his three  
14 great-grandchildren, Raelynn, Ally, and Dominic Knicl; his  
15 sister, Mary Lou Klokkenga; his brothers, Larry (Becky)  
16 Krusemark and Dave (Noi) Krusemark; and his many nieces and  
17 nephews; therefore, be it

18 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL  
19 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of  
20 Leonard E. Krusemark and extend our sincere condolences to his  
21 family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it  
22 further

1           RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
2 presented to the family of Leonard Krusemark as an expression  
3 of our deepest sympathy.