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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 Fred Meek of Rantoul, who passed away on November 26, 2020; and

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WHEREAS, Fred Meek was born in Rochester, Pennsylvania to Elden and Evalyn T. Meek on February 28, 1943; he attended grades K-12 in the East Palestine school system in Ohio; he graduated from East Palestine High School in June 1961; he earned his Bachelor of Science in Business Administration from Youngstown State University in Youngstown, Ohio; later, he conducted graduate studies in marketing at the University of Illinois; he served in the U.S. Air Force and was stationed at a number of bases, including Lackland Air Force Base in Texas, Amarillo Air Force Base in Texas, Chanute Air Force Base in Rantoul, and CCK Air Force Base in Taichung, Taiwan; he married Linda M. Schluter at the American Lutheran Church in Rantoul on August 23, 1970; together, they had two children, Marcy Todd and Michael Meek; and

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WHEREAS, Fred Meek joined the J.C. Penney Company in Rochester, New York until he enlisted in the U.S. Air Force; after his military service, he worked in the home building and modular building businesses for 35 years, spending the last 27 years with Schluter Homes; and

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1 WHEREAS, Fred Meek was an active member of the American
2 Lutheran Church in Rantoul, where he served as president of the
3 church council for two years; he was a member and held
4 leadership positions in several organizations, including the
5 Thomasboro Board of Education as president for six years, the
6 Rantoul Exchange Club as president, the Rantoul Rotary, the
7 Northern Champaign County Community Service Organization's
8 Board of Directors, the Octave Chanute Aerospace Museum
9 Foundation as secretary, the Thomasboro Board of Trustees and
10 Pack the Park Festivities, Thomasboro Youth Baseball, and the
11 Rantoul Area Chamber of Commerce's Board of Directors; he
12 volunteered with the Northern Champaign County Community
13 Service Organization; and

14 WHEREAS, Fred Meek enjoyed spending time with his family,
15 whatever the occasion; he also enjoyed being with people,
16 golfing, being involved in community organizations, and
17 attending athletic events; and

18 WHEREAS, Fred Meek was preceded in death by his parents;
19 his paternal grandparents, Joseph and Fannie Meek; his maternal
20 grandparents, Robert and Elizabeth Taggart; and his two older
21 brothers and best friends, Robert and John; and

22 WHEREAS, Fred Meek is survived by his wife; his children;

1 and his granddaughter, Olivia; therefore, be it

2 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL
3 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
4 Fred Meek and extend our sincere condolences to his family,
5 friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it further

6 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
7 presented to the family of Fred Meek as an expression of our
8 deepest sympathy.