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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives are saddened to learn of the death of Cleve
4 Klopfenstein, who passed away on July 23, 2022; and

5 WHEREAS, Cleve Klopfenstein was born to Ralph and
6 Catherine (Slagell) Klopfenstein on May 19, 1947; he graduated
7 from Gridley High School and Illinois State University; he
8 served in the U.S. Army, where he received basic training at
9 Fort Sam Houston, Texas before serving in Vietnam; he married
10 Kathleen Steffen in Fairbury on August 13, 1972; and

11 WHEREAS, Cleve Klopfenstein began his career as a high
12 school teacher at Peoria Central High School before working in
13 commodities trading at Heinold Commodities; he returned to
14 teaching at the Peoria Alternative High School, retiring in
15 2005; over the course of his career, he made significant
16 contributions to the growth and development of countless
17 students; and

18 WHEREAS, Cleve Klopfenstein was deeply committed to his
19 faith and a long-time, active member of his local church; he
20 had a willing heart for serving his community, Christian
21 ministry organizations, and his church; and

1 WHEREAS, Cleve Klopfenstein had a contagious enthusiasm
2 for life and enjoyed many hobbies, including hosting friends
3 and family at his beloved lake cabin, fishing, photography,
4 documenting memories, traveling, antique cars and scooters,
5 arrowhead hunting, and telling stories and jokes; his three
6 grandsons were his pride and joy; and

7 WHEREAS, Cleve Klopfenstein was quick to offer a kind word
8 to every person who crossed his path; he will be remembered for
9 his strength of character, easy-going and gentle spirit,
10 positive attitude, sense of humor, wisdom, and undying love
11 for his family and friends; and

12 WHEREAS, Cleve Klopfenstein was preceded in death by his
13 parents; and

14 WHEREAS, Cleve Klopfenstein is survived by his wife,
15 Kathleen Klopfenstein; his children, Crystal (Jay) Wettstein
16 and Aaron (Kara) Klopfenstein; his grandsons, Caleb, Carter,
17 and Cooper Klopfenstein; his brothers, Marty Klopfenstein,
18 Stan Klopfenstein, and David Klopfenstein; his sisters, Gloria
19 Volk, Judy (Dave) Knobloch, and Cathy (Tim) Hohulin; and his
20 many nieces and nephews; therefore, be it

21 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
22 HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that

1 we mourn the passing of Cleve Klopfenstein and extend our
2 sincere condolences to his family, friends, and all who knew
3 and loved him; and be it further

4 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
5 presented to the family of Cleve Klopfenstein as an expression
6 of our deepest sympathy.