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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 Duncan Gordon Leitch, formerly of East Peoria and father of former State Representative David Leitch, who passed away on August 3, 2020; and

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WHEREAS, Duncan Leitch was born to Angus McLeod and Rose Ellen Buchanan Leitch in Bad Axe, Michigan on June 19, 1923; he graduated from high school in 1940; he attended Michigan State University, working full time to pay for his education; after Pearl Harbor, he left school, worked in an airplane factory for a year, and then joined the U.S. Navy in 1943; he served in the Pacific at Okinawa where he prepared the U.S. bombers for early morning missions; after his service, he used the GI Bill and graduated from Michigan State University with a degree in agronomy; he married Eunice Krans in 1947, and she passed in 2013, after almost 66 years together; and

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WHEREAS, Duncan Gordan worked in agricultural education; his career kept the family on the move through Michigan, Illinois, Iowa, and Indiana; he loved his job, waking up each day grateful to spend time on farms with farmers; as a child, he grew up on a small farm with no electricity or running water; by the time he was 12, he was responsible for much of the farm work, which was done with horse-drawn equipment; and

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1           WHEREAS, Duncan Gordan attended Windsor Presbyterian  
2 Church in Des Moines, a faith community that gave him and his  
3 wife great joy throughout their lives; and

4           WHEREAS, Duncan loved tools, woodworking, and projects of  
5 all kinds; after retirement, he enjoyed playing the harmonica  
6 in local jam sessions; he was fiercely proud of being a  
7 veteran, and a highlight of his life was participating in the  
8 Iowa Honor Flight for veterans in 2017; and

9           WHEREAS, Duncan Leitch was preceded in death by his  
10 parents; his sister; his wife; and his son, Paul; and

11           WHEREAS, Duncan Leitch is survived by his three children,  
12 David, Carol, and Brian; his 11 grandchildren; and his 11  
13 great-grandchildren; therefore, be it

14           RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL  
15 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of  
16 Duncan Gordon Leitch and extend our sincere condolences to his  
17 family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it  
18 further

19           RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
20 presented to the family of Duncan Gordon Leitch as an

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1 expression of our deepest sympathy.