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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 Wesley G. "Wes" Greenwood of Milan, who passed away on May 4, 2021; and

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WHEREAS, Wes Greenwood was born in Xenia to Bernard and Opal Milburn Greenwood on November 10, 1930; he joined the U.S. Army in 1948 and served with the 1st Calvary Division; he spent time stationed in Japan and fought in the Korean War; he later became a gunnery instructor at Fort Carson, Colorado with the rank of sergeant; he married Carol Balster in Denver, Colorado on March 1, 1952, and they settled in the Quad Cities in August of 1952; and

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WHEREAS, Wes Greenwood was discharged from the Army in April of 1952 and became an electrician at the Rock Island Arsenal; he later joined the Milan Police Department, where he was promoted to chief in 1956; he served for more than 37 years, retiring in 1991; and

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WHEREAS, Wes Greenwood was active in the Illinois Police Association; he helped organize the Quad Cities Association of Chiefs, where he served as president; he organized the Milan Auxiliary Police Department and was a member of the International Police Chiefs Association; he was also a member

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1 of St. Matthew Lutheran Church in Milan, Rock Island V.F.W.
2 Post 1303, and Rock Island Moose Lodge 190; he was a life
3 member of Milan American Legion Post 56 and a charter member of
4 the Milan Optimist Club and the Milan Knights of Pythias; and

5 WHEREAS, Wes Greenwood received numerous recognitions over
6 the years, which included Officer of the Year in 1988 and
7 Optimist of the year; he was the festival parade marshal in
8 1975 and received the Community Service Award in 1986 from the
9 Milan Chamber of Commerce; and

10 WHEREAS, Wes Greenwood enjoyed boating on the Mississippi
11 for over 20 years and traveled to all 50 states, mostly by
12 motorhome; he loved hunting and built and maintained a hunting
13 lodge in Artesian, South Dakota since 1990; he spent many
14 winters in Mesa, Arizona and Florida; and

15 WHEREAS, Wes Greenwood was preceded in death by his
16 parents; his daughter, Brenda Greenwood; and his brother,
17 Larry Greenwood; and

18 WHEREAS, Wes Greenwood is survived by his wife, Carol; his
19 children, Lesley (Julie) Greenwood, Jan (Calvin) Heiar, and
20 Gail (Kevin) Mueller; his grandchildren, J.R. (Michelle)
21 Greenwood, Michael Greenwood, Paul (Jenny) Heiar, Scott Heiar,
22 and Carolyn (Josh) Koeller; his great-grandchildren, Madison

1 and Kaitlyn Greenwood and Bailey and Brady Heiar; his brother,
2 Delbert (Harlene) Greenwood; his sisters, Ginger Nieders and
3 Bernice McLain; and his sister-in-law, Liz Greenwood;
4 therefore, be it

5 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL
6 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
7 Wesley G. "Wes" Greenwood and extend our sincere condolences
8 to his family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be
9 it further

10 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
11 presented to the family of Wes Greenwood as an expression of
12 our deepest sympathy.