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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 Raymond Edward "Ray" Nelson of Moline, who passed away on May 1, 2021; and

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WHEREAS, Ray Nelson was born in Sherrard to Reynold and Katharine (Hausch) Nelson on March 26, 1932; he graduated from Sherrard High School and the Moline Institute of Commerce; he served in the U.S. Army during the Korean War; he married Sheila Rae Behm in Davenport, Iowa on August 24, 1957; and

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WHEREAS, Ray Nelson worked at the John Deere Foundry for over 27 years and retired in May 1986; and

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WHEREAS, Ray Nelson was a member of First Congregational Church; he volunteered with River Action; he was a counselor for Trinity SHIP; he enjoyed being with friends, walking, reading, and woodcarving; and

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WHEREAS, Ray Nelson's family was the most important thing to him, and he especially loved attending his grandchildren's sporting and other events; and

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WHEREAS, Ray Nelson was preceded in death by his parents and his infant daughter, Amy Rae Nelson; and

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1 WHEREAS, Ray Nelson is survived by his wife, Sheila; his
2 daughters, Marcia (Craig) Johnson and Lori Willhite (Jim
3 Franks); his grandchildren, Kirsten (Emanuel Mendes) Johnson,
4 Bryce Johnson, Alex Willhite, Erin (Ethan) Lafary, and Austen
5 Willhite; his great-grandson, Henry Luke Lafary; and his
6 sister-in-law, Phyllis (Gary) Ammeter; therefore, be it

7 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL
8 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
9 Raymond Edward "Ray" Nelson and extend our sincere condolences
10 to his family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be
11 it further

12 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
13 presented to the family of Ray Nelson as an expression of our
14 deepest sympathy.