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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 Joseph J. "Joe" Davinroy Sr. of Smithton, who passed away on January 21, 2022; and

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WHEREAS, Joe Davinroy was born in East St. Louis to Albert and Verena (Zollinger) Davinroy on March 14, 1933; he graduated from Central Catholic High School in East St. Louis and served in the U.S. Army during the Korean War, installing communication lines; and

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WHEREAS, Joe Davinroy was the owner of A.S. Davinroy P & H Inc.; he belonged to Plumbers Local 360 and served as president of Illinois State P & H Contractors in 1981; he was a lifetime member of the Great Southwestern P & H Contractors Association; he was a founding member of Camp Ondessonk, installing all of the original plumbing, and served on the board of directors for many years; he was a founder and president of the FSH (Freeburg Smithton Hecker) Water Commission; and

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WHEREAS, During Joe Davinroy's 26 years of retirement, he enjoyed his family farm and raising dahlias, which led to his membership in the Greater St. Louis Dahlia Society; he enjoyed making stained glass windows, lamps, and Christmas gifts for

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1 many, along with homemade cookies and candy; he also enjoyed
2 using brass from his plumbing business to make sculptures; he
3 loved to spend his summers going to picnics and playing bingo
4 and spent many years with The Old NewsBoys; he also spent
5 weekends selling glass cleaner at the flea market in
6 Belleville; he was a member of the Smithton Senior Center and
7 enjoyed Monday Night Meals, which included playing cards and
8 fellowship after dinner; he also met a long-time group of
9 friends each Wednesday for breakfast and companionship; and

10 WHEREAS, Joe Davinroy loved traveling both within the
11 states, especially to New Orleans to visit family, and abroad,
12 which led to him serving on the board of directors for Golden
13 Frontier; he also served on the board for the San Damiano
14 Retreat Center in Golconda; and

15 WHEREAS, Joe Davinroy was preceded in death by his
16 parents; his former wife, Patricia Davinroy; his brother,
17 Albert J. Davinroy; and his sisters, Theresa Weurz and Mary C.
18 Walsh; and

19 WHEREAS, Joe Davinroy is survived by his children, Elaine
20 Davinroy, Ann (Christopher) Lintzenich, Joe Davinroy Jr., and
21 John (Debbie) Davinroy; his grandchildren, Phillip (Kathryn)
22 Lintzenich, Jacqueline (Adam) Forsyth, Michael and Alexa
23 Davinroy, and Nick, Chris, and Maddie Jones; and his long-time

1 companion, Jenene Biggerstaff; therefore, be it

2 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL
3 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
4 Joseph J. "Joe" Davinroy Sr. and extend our sincere
5 condolences to his family, friends, and all who knew and loved
6 him; and be it further

7 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
8 presented to the family of Joe Davinroy as an expression of our
9 deepest sympathy.