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SENATE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate are saddened
3 to learn of the death of Eugene Everard "Gene" Welch of Rock
4 Island, who passed away on January 16, 2022; and

5 WHEREAS, Gene Welch was born to John and Gladys (Anderson)
6 Welch in Cedar Rapids, Iowa on July 1, 1938; he served in the
7 U.S. Air Force from 1954 to 1960; he married Jeanetta Lou Valeu
8 in Cedar Rapids on November 5, 1960; and

9 WHEREAS, Gene Welch worked as a machinist at the Rock
10 Island Arsenal; after 27 years and 7 months of faithful
11 service, he retired on April 2, 1993; while working on the
12 Arsenal Island, he served in the U.S. Air Force Reserve and
13 retired on June 30, 1998; and

14 WHEREAS, Gene Welch was a member of the First Church of the
15 Nazarene in Rock Island; he also loved worshipping and
16 visiting with his family at Heritage Church on Saturday
17 evenings; and

18 WHEREAS, Gene Welch was a loving husband, father, papa,
19 great-grandpa, and friend; he was an avid firearm enthusiast;
20 he loved reading, playing computer games, and collecting
21 things; he especially enjoyed watching his grandchildren

1 participate in their extracurricular activities and being with
2 family; and

3 WHEREAS, Gene Welch was preceded in death by his wife,
4 Jeanetta, and his parents; and

5 WHEREAS, Gene Welch is survived by his daughter and
6 son-in-law, Tamijean and Eric Mumma; his grandchildren,
7 Ashlyn, Abigail (Anthony), Amanda, and E.J. Mumma; his
8 great-granddaughter, Amora Pittington; and his several nieces,
9 nephews, and extended family members; therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL
11 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
12 Eugene Everard "Gene" Welch and extend our sincere condolences
13 to his family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be
14 it further

15 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
16 presented to the family of Gene Welch as an expression of our
17 deepest sympathy.