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SENATE RESOLUTION

2           WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate are saddened  
3 to learn of the death of Richard H. "Dick" Hansen of Rock  
4 Island, who passed away on January 14, 2022; and

5           WHEREAS, Richard Hansen was born on the Hansen family farm  
6 in Milan to Henry Oler and Beulah Marie (Cheek) Hansen on  
7 September 14, 1932; he graduated from Rock Island High School  
8 in 1951 and attended the University of Illinois before being  
9 drafted into the U.S. Army; he served during the Korean War  
10 from 1951 to 1953 and was assigned to Fort Carson, Colorado; he  
11 married Ruth Elaine Pitts on August 8, 1959; he received his  
12 bachelor's degree in Economics from Bradley University in  
13 Peoria in 1960; he earned a master's degree in Economics from  
14 Northern Illinois University; and

15           WHEREAS, Richard Hansen was chosen to serve as an  
16 investigator for the State Police in 1971; he primarily worked  
17 in the Department of Motor Vehicles, serving in this capacity  
18 for 20 years until his retirement in 1992; he remained  
19 actively involved in the family farm business his entire life;  
20 upon retirement, he continued to be involved in numerous  
21 interests and acted as a licensing liaison for many local  
22 automobile dealerships; he also taught courses in Economics at  
23 Saint Ambrose University in Davenport, Iowa; and

1           WHEREAS, Richard Hansen was a member of the Fraternal  
2 Order of Police for more than 40 years, the Eureka Masonic  
3 Temple in Milan for over 50 years, and the Veterans of Foreign  
4 Wars organization for nearly 70 years; and

5           WHEREAS, Richard Hansen was preceded in death by his  
6 parents and his infant sister, Beverly Louise; and

7           WHEREAS, Richard Hansen is survived by his wife of 62  
8 years, Ruth Elaine; his daughter, Sheri (Tim) Downing; his  
9 grandchildren, Heather (Josh) Hootman and Michael Downing; his  
10 siblings, John "Jack" Hansen and Lois (Al) Kucala; his  
11 sister-in-law, Judy (John) Hansen; his nieces, Suzanne (Greg)  
12 Anderson and Kelly (Ray) Patchett; and his nephews, Chris  
13 (Brenda) Hansen and Doug (Shara) Hansen, Morrison; therefore,  
14 be it

15           RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL  
16 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of  
17 Richard H. "Dick" Hansen and extend our sincere condolences to  
18 his family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it  
19 further

20           RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
21 presented to the family of Richard Hansen as an expression of

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1 our deepest sympathy.