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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 James R. "Jim" Grafton, who passed away on March 31, 2022; and

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WHEREAS, Jim Grafton was born to Jimmi Ryan and Barbara Ann (Circle) Grafton in Moline on April 25, 1951; he graduated from Moline High School in 1969; he attended the University of Iowa; he served in the U.S. Marine Corps; he married Mary in East Moline; and

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WHEREAS, Jim Grafton was the owner and president of Blackhawk Foundry and Machine in Davenport, Iowa; and

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WHEREAS, Jim Grafton served as the county chairman during the reelection campaign for Governor Jim Thompson; and

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WHEREAS, Jim Grafton was an avid University of Iowa Hawkeyes fan and loved sports; he enjoyed spending time at his cabin in Wisconsin and spending summers fishing with his father, son, and nephews in Canada; and

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WHEREAS, Jim Grafton was preceded in death by his parents and his brother, Joshua Circle Lee Grafton; and

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1 WHEREAS, Jim Grafton is survived by his wife, Mary; his
2 children, Abby Grafton and Ben (Justine) Grafton; his
3 stepchildren, Shawna (Josh) Coram and Alisha (Tim) Frederick;
4 his step-granddaughter, Grace Coram; his sisters, Mindy
5 (Steve) Kruse and Suzi Apple; and his beloved dogs; therefore,
6 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 James R. "Jim" Grafton and extend our sincere condolences to
10 his family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it
11 further

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