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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 Leland "Lee" William Fuchs of Springfield, who passed away on December 2, 2022; and

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WHEREAS, Lee Fuchs was born to Martin and Mary (Smith) Fuchs in Harvel on October 28, 1926; he was a Navy veteran who served in the South Pacific in World War Two aboard the U.S.S. Walker DD 517; he attended the University of Illinois in Urbana-Champaign and received a degree in Marketing and Management in 1950; he married the love of his life Lucille Mueller in Mount Olive on October 10, 1953; in 1973, he earned a master's degree at Sangamon State University, now called the University of Illinois Springfield; and

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WHEREAS, AT Sangamon State, Lee Fuchs was appointed an Adjunct Assistant Professor and taught the course Management Information Systems in the Graduate School of Public Administration for 15 years; he started his career at the State of Illinois in April of 1953 with the Illinois Secretary of State office; he helped install the state's first computer system at the Secretary of State Driver's License division in 1955; additionally, he was part of the group that developed the computer generated "Soundex" Driver's License number, which is still in use today; he then worked with the Department

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1 of Public Aid as a Data Processing Manager; he worked with the
2 Management Information Division, now Central Management
3 Systems, organizing the Centralized Computer Facility; in
4 1970, he transferred to the Illinois Department of
5 Transportation and implemented the Remote Job Entry computer
6 network in the district offices; he was Bureau Chief of
7 Information Processing and Special Assistant to the Director
8 of Finance and Administration, retiring in December of 1991;
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10 WHEREAS, Lee Fuchs served as President, Membership
11 Chairman, and was a board member of the Retired State
12 Employees Association; and

13 WHEREAS, Lee Fuchs loved his family, golf, travel, and his
14 beloved Illini; and

15 WHEREAS, Lee Fuchs was preceded in death by his parents;
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17 WHEREAS, Lee Fuchs is survived by his wife; his sons,
18 Bruce Fuchs, Randal Fuchs, and Robin Fuchs; his daughter, Lori
19 (Shell) Haffner; his five grandchildren, Tyler (Jocelyn),
20 Taryn, Elisabeth (Riley), Michael, and Rebecca; and his two
21 great-grandchildren, Happy and Lucas; therefore, be it

1 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL
2 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
3 Leland "Lee" William Fuchs and extend our sincere condolences
4 to his family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be
5 it further

6 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
7 presented to the family of Lee Fuchs as an expression of our
8 deepest sympathy.