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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 Delbert D. "Del" Haschemeyer of Athens, who passed away on January 23, 2023; and

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WHEREAS, Del Haschemeyer was born to Ernest and Mary Haschemeyer in Quincy on August 25, 1941; he grew up on the family farm, which led to a lifelong interest in farming and the environment; he graduated from Central High School in Camp Point and Western Illinois University; he married Sue Nusbaum at Trinity Lutheran Church in Springfield in August 1965; and

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WHEREAS, Del Haschemeyer was employed as a field representative for the local Farm Service Cooperative in Williamsburg, Iowa for three years; he then attended law school at Valparaiso University and graduated in 1969; and

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WHEREAS, Del Haschemeyer started his legal career with the Heyl Royster law firm in Peoria; after a couple years with the firm, he left to join a new state agency, the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA); over the course of 23 years with the IEPA, he served as a staff attorney, assistant to the director, manager of enforcement programs, deputy director for 13 years, acting director, and small business ombudsman; he also served as an assistant attorney general

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1 with the Environmental Division of the Illinois Attorney
2 General's Office for seven years; he was proud and
3 appreciative of his time working with the talented and
4 dedicated people at the IEPA and the Illinois Attorney
5 General's Office; he was also a member of the Stratton Law Firm
6 for five years; and

7 WHEREAS, Del Haschemeyer served on the Board of Directors
8 for Athens Community Park, Immanuel Lutheran Church of Athens,
9 and Lutheran High School in Springfield; he was a member of Our
10 Savior's Lutheran Church in Springfield, and he served in
11 several capacities with Immanuel Lutheran Church and Our
12 Savior's Lutheran Church; with his wife, he served as a
13 volunteer usher for the Center for Performing Arts at the
14 University of Illinois at Springfield; he was also a member of
15 the Athens Lions Club and several environmental organizations;
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17 WHEREAS, Del Haschemeyer enjoyed coaching his sons in
18 youth baseball and participating with them in Boy Scouts; he
19 was a loyal St. Louis Cardinals fan in a household of Chicago
20 Cubs fans, and he enjoyed trying to negotiate an annual
21 Cardinals-Cubs bet with his sons; and

22 WHEREAS, Del Haschemeyer enjoyed playing baseball and
23 softball in his younger years and later golfing, mostly at

1 Country Hills; he also enjoyed traveling, music, live theater,
2 fishing, conversations with friends over a cup of coffee or a
3 cold one, conversations with children, gardening, feeding and
4 watching the birds, and reading; he particularly enjoyed
5 watching his children and grandchildren participate in various
6 sporting and other events, and he was especially proud of
7 their accomplishments; and

8 WHEREAS, Del Haschemeyer was preceded in death by his son,
9 Roger; his parents; his sister, Nancy Wells; his
10 sister-in-law, Sally Haschemeyer; and his brother-in-law,
11 Robert Deacon; and

12 WHEREAS, Del Haschemeyer is survived by his wife of 56
13 years, Sue; his sons, David, Mike (Kaycee), Brian (Holly), and
14 Mark (Carrie); his daughter-in-law, Patty (the late Roger);
15 his grandchildren, Madison, Kyle, Hailey, Emily, and Eli; his
16 siblings, Sharon Deacon, Peggy (Gary) McConkey, Wayne
17 Haschemeyer, and Sheila (Randy Wilt); his brother-in-law, Gary
18 (Bev) Wells; Sue's brother, Kurt (Debbie) Nusbaum; Sue's
19 sisters, Randa (Gary) Copeland, Donna Aschenbrenner, and Peggy
20 Nusbaum; his aunt, Dorothy Ufkes; his uncle, Louis Reuschel;
21 and numerous nieces, nephews, and cousins; therefore, be it

22 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL
23 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of

1 Delbert D. "Del" Haschemeyer and extend our sincere
2 condolences to his family, friends, and all who knew and loved
3 him; and be it further

4 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
5 presented to the family of Del Haschemeyer as an expression of
6 our deepest sympathy.