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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 Colonel Earl Edward Rumbaugh Jr. of Danville, who passed away on July 3, 2023; and

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WHEREAS, Col. Rumbaugh was born to Earl Edward and Cornelia Payne Rumbaugh on December 22, 1928; he attended Garfield Elementary School and graduated from Danville High School in 1946; he furthered his education at Loyola University New Orleans; and

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WHEREAS, Col. Rumbaugh attended the United States Army Command and General Staff College at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, beginning his career as an Army officer; he served in the Korean War, the Berlin Crisis, and the Cuban Missile Crisis and did two tours of duty in Vietnam; he received numerous awards throughout his 32-year-long career, including three Legions of Merit, the Distinguished Flying Cross, a Bronze Star, the Joint Service Commendation Medal, the Army Commendation Medal, and the Combat Infantryman Badge; and

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WHEREAS, Col. Rumbaugh served as a police officer for Danville from 1954 to 1959; he also served on the Danville Traffic Commission, the Chamber of Commerce Safety Committee, the Center for Children's Services for six years, the

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1 Vermilion County Merit Commission from 1994 to 2020, and the  
2 YMCA Board for six years; and

3 WHEREAS, Col. Rumbaugh was a member of the Association of  
4 the United States Army, the Military Officers Association of  
5 America, American Legion Post 210, the Veterans of Foreign  
6 Wars, the Knights of Columbus, Elks Lodge 232, the Danville  
7 Boat Club, the Danville Country Club, and the Corvette  
8 Cruisers; he hosted Cooking with the Colonial on the WDAN show  
9 from 1990 to 1996 and was inducted to the Wall of Honor at the  
10 Kenneth D. Bailey Academy; and

11 WHEREAS, Col. Rumbaugh was preceded in death by his  
12 parents; his wives, AnnaMarie Freeman and Wilma Minor; and his  
13 siblings, Glenn Covert, Anna Jane Catlett, Marigene Hutton,  
14 and Marjorie Carter; and

15 WHEREAS, Col. Rumbaugh is survived by his companion of 23  
16 years, Karen Wodetzki; his nephews, James M. Covert and Newel  
17 Young Jr. and wife, Paulette Guiliani Young; his niece, Cathy  
18 Carter Tomason; and his stepdaughters, Deborah Amata, Denise  
19 Amata, and Diana Browning; therefore, be it

20 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL  
21 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of  
22 Colonel Earl Edward Rumbaugh Jr. and extend our sincere

1       condolences to his family, friends, and all who knew and loved  
2       him; and be it further

3               RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
4       presented to the family of Col. Rumbaugh as an expression of  
5       our deepest sympathy.