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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 Captain Frederick P. Meyers, U.S. Navy (Ret.) of Pekin, who passed away on October 18, 2021; and

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WHEREAS, Capt. Meyers was born to Harry and Agnes (Plaschko) Meyers in St. Paul, Minnesota on September 25, 1933; he enrolled in the U.S. Coast Guard for two years; he then enlisted in the U.S. Navy at Lenmore Naval Base in California; he graduated from Western Washington University; he married Jeanine in Pekin on May 4, 2000; and

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WHEREAS, Capt. Meyers served in the U.S. Navy, first becoming an exchange officer after training; as a lieutenant commander, he led the No. 78 Training Squadron and trained the RNZAF Skyhawks No. 75 Squadron, where he spent two years with the Skyhawks pilots while stationed in Ohakea; he served as the airwing commander (CAG) on the U.S.S. Kitty Hawk in the Western Pacific, where he oversaw eight squadrons and 2,500 individuals; he was then deployed to the Indian Ocean for over nine months in response to the overthrow of the Iranian government; and

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WHEREAS, Capt. Meyers served as commanding officer of Navy Attack Squadron 164 Ghost Riders, flying the A4F Skyhawk, from

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1 1974 to 1975; he led the squadron through its pre-deployment
2 training cycle and through its Western Pacific cruise, which
3 included support of the evacuation of Saigon, Vietnam and the
4 recovery of captured merchant ship S.S. Mayaguez; his command
5 service ended when the squadron was disestablished in late
6 1975; he continued to serve until his retirement in 1982; and

7 WHEREAS, Capt. Meyers enjoyed traveling for hunting,
8 fishing, and spending time with friends and family alongside
9 his wife, Jeanine; they also enjoyed softball and golf, and
10 they were leaders of the Bob Hope Golf Classic; and

11 WHEREAS, Capt. Meyers was preceded in death by his
12 parents; his first wife, Barbara Meyers; his sister, Diane
13 Carlier; his brothers, Harry Meyers and Clare Meyers; and his
14 grandson, Bryan Fowler; and

15 WHEREAS, At the time of his passing, Capt. Meyers was
16 survived by his wife of 21 years, Jeanine (Beasley, Barnes,
17 Hattermann) Meyers; his daughters, Yvonne (Fowler) Jerry
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19 grandchildren, Nick (Nicole), Elizabeth, and Caroline
20 Ackerman, Krystina Fowler, and Garrett (Peyton) Moreland; his
21 step-grandchildren, Rhett (Mary) Barnes, Tyler (Misty) Barnes,
22 Chad (Nancy) Barnes, Darren (Tamra) Barnes, Danielle (Ben
23 Fister) Barnes, and Tara (Todd) Crowson; 13

1 great-grandchildren; and his brother, Roger (Marie) Meyers;
2 therefore, be it

3 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL
4 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
5 Captain Frederick P. Meyers, U.S. Navy (Ret.) and extend our
6 sincere condolences to his family, friends, and all who knew
7 and loved him; and be it further

8 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
9 presented to the family of Capt. Meyers as an expression of our
10 deepest sympathy.