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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 Willie Earl Wear Jr. of Rock Island, who passed away on September 26, 2023; and

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WHEREAS, Earl Wear was born to Willie Earl Sr. and Audrey Peterson Wear in Quincy on September 11, 1932; he served in the U.S. Army; he earned his master's degree in biology from Western Illinois University; he married Catherine Talbot Heeschen in Homewood on August 9, 1958; and

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WHEREAS, Earl Wear taught science at Moline High School, retiring in 1992; and

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WHEREAS, Earl Wear was a member of Grace Church, formerly Good Shepherd Presbyterian Church, in Rock Island; and

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WHEREAS, Earl Wear adored his family; he also enjoyed square dancing, playing cards, bowling, and traveling; and

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WHEREAS, Earl Wear was preceded in death by his parents and his sisters, Norma Huss, Lila Kerr, and Mary Catherine Warren; and

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WHEREAS, Earl Wear is survived by his wife; his children,

1 Rebecca Lynn (Brian) Clarkin, Brenda Jean Bertrand, and
2 William Richard (Beth) Wear; his grandchildren, Jeremy,
3 Michael, Meghan, Nicolas, Matthieu, Rebecca, Jessica, Daniel,
4 and Patrick; 16 great-grandchildren; and his sister, Ruth
5 Eileen (Roy) Baker; therefore, be it

6 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL
7 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
8 Willie Earl Wear Jr. and extend our sincere condolences to his
9 family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it
10 further

11 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
12 presented to the family of Earl Wear as an expression of our
13 deepest sympathy.