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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 James A. "Jim" Menne of Decatur, Alabama, who passed away on November 6, 2023; and

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WHEREAS, Jim Menne was born to Joseph and Margaret (Savoia) Menne on October 27, 1943; he graduated from Canton High School in 1961; he married Sandra "Sandy" Ladda on April 16, 1965; he was drafted into the U.S. Army in August 1968 and was stationed at Ft. Baker, serving until November 1972; he received a bachelor's degree in medical technology from Western Illinois University in 1972; and

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WHEREAS, Shortly after graduating from high school, Jim Menne began working for International Harvester in Canton until 1968; after earning his college degree, he worked at St. John's Hospital in Springfield; he then worked as head of the medical laboratory at Graham Hospital in Canton from 1975 to 1984; he proceeded to transition to the role of personnel manager, serving in that position until 1987; that same year, he and his wife Sandy opened Finishing Touch, where they repaired and refinished furniture; they also opened Furniture Etc., a furniture and cabinet store, in 1998; and

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WHEREAS, Jim Menne was a faithful member and leader of

1 several churches, including the Cuba Bible Church, the  
2 Evangelical Free Church of Canton, and the Fiatt Independent  
3 Christian Church, where he was hired as pastor in 2000; he was  
4 ordained on April 30, 2006, and he continued to serve the Fiatt  
5 Independent Christian Church until 2016; after his wife's  
6 passing in 2016, he moved to be near his son, daughter-in-law,  
7 and grandsons in Decatur, Alabama, where he began attending  
8 City Church Decatur; and

9 WHEREAS, Jim Menne loved fishing, hunting, woodworking,  
10 and gardening; he considered dogs as part of the family,  
11 including his dog Lightning, who was his faithful companion  
12 for the past five years; he will be remembered as a man of  
13 strong faith who was always helping, teaching, and caring for  
14 others; and

15 WHEREAS, Jim Menne was preceded in death by his wife; his  
16 grandson, Luke; his parents; and his brother, Joe; and

17 WHEREAS, Jim Menne is survived by his son, Jim Menne; his  
18 daughter-in-law, Diana Menne; his grandson, Aidan; and his  
19 sisters, Margaret Ann (John) Swalec and Mary Jane (Paul)  
20 Franciscovich; therefore, be it

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

1 James A. "Jim" Menne and extend our sincere condolences to his  
2 family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it  
3 further

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