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1 SENATE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate are saddened
3 to learn of the death of Martin M. Offergeld of Moline, who
4 passed away on February 8, 2024; and

5 WHEREAS, Martin Offergeld was born to Martin C. and Julia
6 Battaglia Offergeld in LaSalle on September 23, 1933; he
7 graduated from Colorado College, where he was a member of
8 Kappa Sigma Fraternity and lettered in football; he served in
9 the U.S. Army for two years; he married Sandra R. Thomas on
10 July 26, 1958; and

11 WHEREAS, Martin Offergeld worked in management and sales
12 for MetLife for 36 years, retiring in 1994; over the course of
13 his career, he qualified for the company's Million Dollar
14 Round Table (MDRT) four times; and

15 WHEREAS, Martin Offergeld was a member of Christ the King
16 Catholic Church, where he was a lector and a minister of the
17 Eucharist; he was a past member of the Rock Island and Moline
18 Rotary Clubs and the Knights of Columbus; he was a founding
19 member of the Quad Cities Table Tennis Club in Davenport,
20 Iowa; and

21 WHEREAS, Martin Offergeld enjoyed golfing and playing

1 tennis, table tennis, and pinochle; he competed in golf, table
2 tennis, and basketball in the Senior Olympics for 24 years; he
3 earned numerous awards in table tennis singles and doubles in
4 five national tournaments; he was selected as Athlete of the
5 Year by Prairie State Games in 1999 and inducted into the
6 Prairie State Games Hall of Fame in 2003; and

7 WHEREAS, Martin Offergeld was a fan of the Chicago Cubs,
8 the Chicago Bears, the Chicago Bulls, and the Fighting Illini;
9 and

10 WHEREAS, Martin Offergeld was preceded in death by his
11 wife and his parents; and

12 WHEREAS, Martin Offergeld is survived by his children,
13 Lori Offergeld, Martin T. Offergeld, Leslie Offergeld, and
14 Michael Offergeld, and his grandchildren, David Elovitz and
15 Anna Elovitz; therefore, be it

16 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL
17 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
18 Martin M. Offergeld and extend our sincere condolences to his
19 family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it
20 further

21 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be

1 presented to the family of Martin Offergeld as an expression
2 of our deepest sympathy.