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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 Charles William "Bill" Watts of Havana, who passed away on June 4, 2024; and

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WHEREAS, Bill Watts was born to Clarence "Kak" and Frances Lorine (McGinley) Watts in Havana on February 12, 1935; he joined the U.S. Navy in 1954, and he later served as a medical corpsman in the U.S. Marine Corps; he married Marla Joyce Fagle in Havana on August 26, 1960, and she preceded him in death on May 21, 2019; and

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WHEREAS, Bill Watts worked as a mail carrier for the U.S. Postal Service and at a fish market with his family; he later served as a maintenance worker for the Chautauqua National Wildlife Refuge for 30 years before retiring in 1990; and

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WHEREAS, Bill Watts served as a firefighter for 60 years; he was a former chief for both the Havana Fire Department and the Havana Rural Fire Protection District, where he was named chief emeritus in 2009; and

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WHEREAS, Bill Watts was a member of the Havana Church of Christ, the Havana Optimist Club, VFW Post #6408, and American Legion Post #138; and

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1           WHEREAS, Bill Watts was preceded in death by his parents;  
2 his daughter, Lori; and his sister, Jean McLammer; and

3           WHEREAS, Bill Watts is survived by his daughters, Terri  
4 (Denny) Fox and Penny (Don) Roch; five grandchildren; and six  
5 great-grandchildren; 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 Charles William "Bill" Watts and extend our sincere  
9 condolences to his family, friends, and all who knew and loved  
10 him; and be it further

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