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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 Colonel Charles Ronald "Ron" Lovett (Ret.) of Pensacola, Florida, who passed away on May 26, 2024; and

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WHEREAS, Ron Lovett was born to Charles Lovett and Lucille Brickey Lovett in Granite City, Illinois on November 7, 1948; he graduated from Jacksonville High School; he received his bachelor's degree from Illinois College and earned his master's degree from Troy University; and

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WHEREAS, Ron Lovett served as a pilot in the U.S. Air Force on active-duty for over 30 years; he later earned the honor of becoming the squadron commander for the 15th Special Operations Squadron (SOS), based in Hurlburt Field, Fort Walton Beach, Florida; he flew AC-130H Spectre gunships and later piloted the MC-130E Talon I and the MC-130H Talon II, and he acquired over 4,200 flying hours; he also served as a staff member of the Joint Chiefs of Staff at the Pentagon; and

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WHEREAS, Ron Lovett was a recipient of the Bronze Star; he was also awarded the Meritorious Service Medal with three oak leaf clusters, the Air Medal with an oak leaf cluster, the Vietnam Service Medal, and the Kuwait Liberation Medal; and

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1 WHEREAS, Ron Lovett loved golfing and bowling; he enjoyed
2 cheering for the Chicago Cubs, and he was fortunate to see the
3 team win the 2016 World Series; and

4 WHEREAS, Ron Lovett was a dedicated, loving husband and a
5 strong, supportive father for his two sons; he was
6 affectionately known as "Papa" to his grandchildren; and

7 WHEREAS, Ron Lovett was preceded in death by his parents;
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9 WHEREAS, Ron Lovett is survived by his wife of 52 years,
10 Janet Klusmeyer Lovett; his sons, Bryan (Cindy) Lovett and
11 Will (Courtney) Lovett; his grandchildren, Meghan, Matthew,
12 Britton, Reagan, Willow, and Zachary; his step-grandchildren,
13 Dalton and Collin; and his sisters, Jean (Jim) Cook and Pat
14 (Bill) Nebel; therefore, be it

15 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL
16 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
17 Colonel Charles Ronald "Ron" Lovett (Ret.) and extend our
18 sincere condolences to his family, friends, and all who knew
19 and loved him; and be it further

20 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be

1 presented to the family of Ron Lovett as an expression of our
2 deepest sympathy.