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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 Floyd A. Ward Jr. of Rock Island, who passed away on July 14, 2024; and

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WHEREAS, Floyd Ward, the son of Floyd Allen Sr. and Frances Pauline (Showalter) Ward, was born in Cedar Falls, Iowa on February 19, 1936; at age 14, he and his family moved to St. Paul, Minnesota; he graduated from Humboldt High School in St. Paul, where he played football; he served as a signalman in the U.S. Navy Reserve in the 1950s; he married Gloria J. Reil on August 20, 1955, and she preceded him in death on April 2, 1992; he later married Ann Colley Bostic on July 31, 1993; and

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WHEREAS, Floyd Ward had a long career with 3M, where he initially swept floors before working his way up; he moved to the Quad Cities to help start the 3M plant in Cordova in 1971, where he eventually became production superintendent; and

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WHEREAS, Floyd Ward committed to his faith in 1979, and he was a member of the Bethel Baptist Church in Port Byron; most recently, he attended the New Hope Foursquare Church in Moline; and

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1 WHEREAS, Floyd Ward and his wife, Ann, enjoyed spending
2 winters in Orange Beach, Alabama for the last 30 years, and he
3 also loved spending time at their cabin in Wisconsin; he
4 enjoyed golfing, hunting, and playing pool, and he was known
5 as an amazing polka dancer; and

6 WHEREAS, Floyd Ward was a wonderful, loving father and
7 grandfather who always tried to attend all of his
8 grandchildren's events; and

9 WHEREAS, Floyd Ward was preceded in death by his parents;
10 his first wife, Gloria; and his brother, James Paul Ward; and

11 WHEREAS, Floyd Ward is survived by his wife, Ann Ward; his
12 daughter, Nancy (Matt) Sample; his sons, David (Teri) Ward,
13 Steven (Janice) Ward, Mike Bostic, Randy (Lorie) Bostic, and
14 Curt (Ann) Bostic; 16 grandchildren; and 15
15 great-grandchildren; 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 Floyd A. Ward Jr. 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 Floyd Ward as an expression of our
2 deepest sympathy.