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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 Raymond E. "Ray" Wages of Canton, who passed away on August 18, 2024; and

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WHEREAS, Ray Wages was born to Estie and Bessie (Henry) Wages in Banner on December 18, 1927; he served in the U.S. Navy during World War II; he married Clara (O'Bryant) Wages on September 25, 1946; and

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WHEREAS, Ray Wages worked as an inspector for Caterpillar for 40 years, retiring in 1984; and

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WHEREAS, Ray Wages was a member of the Canton VFW, the American Legion, and Wesley United Methodist Church; and

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WHEREAS, Ray Wages was lifelong dedicated Chicago Cubs fan, and he had been a central Illinois Cubs booster since 1945; he enjoyed playing pool at the Rec Center at Big Creek Pool and will fondly be remembered as a Cubs fan and a Ford man; and

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WHEREAS, Ray Wages was preceded in death by his parents; his wife; his son, Randy Wages; and his brothers, Lewis (Nellie) Wages, Roy (Violet) Wages, and Frank Wages; and

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1 WHEREAS, Ray Wages is survived by his daughters, Pamela
2 (Phil) Johns and Mardelle (Dave) Steck; his brother, Lloyd
3 (the late Nelda) Wages; five grandchildren; nine
4 great-grandchildren; and five great-great-grandchildren;
5 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 Raymond E. "Ray" Wages and extend our sincere condolences to
9 his family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it
10 further

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