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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 William C. "Bill" Keller Jr. of Farmington, previously of Peoria Heights and Creve Coeur, who passed away on August 29, 2024; and

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WHEREAS, Bill Keller was born to Esther Pence Keller and William C. Keller Sr. in Peoria on April 14, 1936; he graduated from Woodruff High School in 1955; he received a degree in robotics from Illinois Central College; he served in the U.S. Air Force; he married Betty Lou Bauwens on December 4, 1958; and

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WHEREAS, Bill Keller worked for the post office, Logan Printing, and Peoria Camera and as a valet at OSF St. Francis Medical Center in Peoria; and

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WHEREAS, Bill Keller served as a deacon at United Presbyterian Church in Peoria, where he also played hand bells and sang in the choir; and

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WHEREAS, Bill Keller enjoyed fishing, camping, bowling, and playing darts; and

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WHEREAS, Bill Keller was preceded in death by his parents;

1 his wife; his children, Dawn M. Weeks and William C. Keller
2 III; and his sister, Patricia Marrs; and

3 WHEREAS, Bill Keller is survived by his children, Karla K.
4 (Keller) Lewis, Veronica L. (Keller) Shumaker, and Paul D.
5 Keller; eight grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren;
6 therefore, be it

7 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL
8 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
9 William C. "Bill" Keller and extend our sincere condolences to
10 his family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it
11 further

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