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1 SENATE RESOLUTION

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2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate are saddened 3 to learn of the death of Clyde E. Eskridge, who passed away on 4 September 25, 2024; and

5 WHEREAS, Clyde Eskridge was born to Lawrence and Mary 6 (Grigsby) Eskridge in Lewistown on January 7, 1926; he 7 graduated from Lewistown High School in 1943; he was inducted 8 into the U.S. Navy in early 194; he served in Oakland, 9 California and the South Pacific, where he had duties on the 10 U.S.S. LST-922, including transporting soldiers, equipment, 11 and supplies to and from many ports during World War II; he was discharged in late June 1946; and 12

WHEREAS, Clyde Eskridge worked at Spoon River Electric until early 1950; he then assisted in the incorporation and expansion of modern telephone services to various rural areas, working as manager of Mid-Century Telephone for 52 years until he retired in 2002; and

WHEREAS, Clyde Eskridge was involved in Lewistown Masonic Lodge #104, A.F. and A.M., and the Peoria Consistory, and he was a member of the Lewistown VFW, the Canton American Legion, and First Presbyterian Church of Lewistown; and

- 1 WHEREAS, Clyde Eskridge enjoyed listening to big band
- 2 music, collecting various items, including Hot Wheels cars,
- 3 and going on his daily walks; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Clyde Eskridge was preceded in death by his
- 5 parents; his son, C.D. "Buck" Eskridge; and his brother, Bill
- 6 Eskridge; and
- 7 WHEREAS, Clyde Eskridge is survived by his children,
- 8 Richard (Stephanie) Eskridge, Joyce (Ed) Sale, Michael (Mary
- 9 Jo) Eskridge, Cheryl (Ted) Bayard, Brian (Marnie) Eskridge,
- 10 and Brad (Jessica) Eskridge; 15 grandchildren; several
- 11 great-grandchildren; and his sister-in-law, Shirley Eskridge;
- 12 therefore, be it
- 13 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL
- 14 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
- 15 Clyde E. Eskridge and extend our sincere condolences to his
- 16 family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it
- 17 further
- 18 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
- 19 presented to the family of Clyde Eskridge as an expression of
- our deepest sympathy.