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1 SENATE RESOLUTION

- 2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate are saddened to 3 learn of the death of Donald A. "Don" Van Acker of Moline, who 4 passed away on April 27, 2018; and
- 5 WHEREAS, Don Van Acker was born in Moline to August and 6 Helen (Lievens) Van Acker on January 21, 1939; he served in the 7 United States Air Force in Okinawa, Japan during the Korean 8 War; and
- 9 WHEREAS, Don Van Acker retired from Local Union 81, Cedar 10 Rapids, Iowa in 1996 after 33 years; and
- 11 WHEREAS, Don Van Acker was a member of VFW Velie Post 2153, 12 Moline, American Legion Post 246, Moline, and several bass 13 fishing clubs, including Harvester, Quad Cities, and Twin Rivers, which he co-founded; he was also the founder of the 14 15 Children's Therapy Center Annual Bass Fishing Tournament, which began over 40 years ago; bass fishing was his passion, 16 and he donated bass fishing equipment to help start the Moline 17 18 High School Bass Fishing Team; he spent his time volunteering at the VFW, American Legion, and QCCA Expo Center; and 19
- 20 WHEREAS, Don Van Acker was preceded in death by his sister, 21 Jo Ann DePover; and

- 1 WHEREAS, Don Van Acker is survived by his children, Heidi
- 2 (Sean) McKinney, Denise Van Acker, and Nick (Asuncion) Van
- 3 Acker; his grandchildren, Megan, Courtney, Chaunte, and
- 4 Miranda; his five great-grandchildren; and his sister, Carol
- 5 Vickroy; therefore, be it
- 6 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDREDTH GENERAL
- 7 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
- 8 Donald A. "Don" Van Acker 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 Don Van Acker as an expression of
- our deepest sympathy.