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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 Joseph Patrick "Joe" Koval of Staunton, who passed away on March 15, 2020; and

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WHEREAS, Joe Koval was born in Mt. Olive to Michael and Anna (Kasalko) Koval on March 16, 1929; he graduated from Mt. Olive Community High School in 1947; he received his Associate of Arts degree from Blackburn College in Carlinville in 1950 and then graduated from the University of Illinois in 1952 with a bachelor's degree in Political Science, continuing his studies and receiving his Bachelor of Laws degree in 1954; he served in the United States Army from 1954 to 1956 with the 5th Armored Victory Division, 81st Medium Tank Battalion; he married Rosemary "Rose" Vidot in Mt. Olive on April 29, 1967; and

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WHEREAS, Joe Koval began his career in law by becoming a partner at the Kelsey & Koval law firm in Carlinville in 1958; in 1965, he entered private practice, continuing until 1976; during his early years as a lawyer, he also served as a hearing officer in the Illinois Department of Aeronautics from 1961 to 1969; and

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WHEREAS, Joe Koval was elected as the state's attorney for

1 Macoupin County in 1972; in 1976, he was elected circuit judge
2 and won retention throughout his career until his retirement in
3 December 2006; he was listed as a reputable judge in the
4 Marquis Who's Who; he was an active member of the Macoupin
5 County Bar Association, the Illinois Judges Association, and
6 the American Judicature Society; and

7 WHEREAS, Joe Koval enjoyed hunting and fishing with his
8 brothers, John and Mike; he was an active member of St.
9 Michael's Catholic Church, the Knights of Columbus Lodge,
10 Adopt-a-Pet, and Staunton VFW Post #124; he sponsored several
11 families under the Unbound Charity Foundation and was a sponsor
12 of the Wounded Warrior Foundation; he also gave generously to
13 many other charitable foundations; he was a fan of the St.
14 Louis Cardinals and a member of the Emmylou Harris Fan Club,
15 his favorite country singer; he loved all things related to
16 Charles Schultz and Peanuts and was an aficionado of the TV
17 show Gunsmoke; and

18 WHEREAS, Joe Koval was preceded in death by his wife, Rose;
19 his parents; his sisters, Lucille Koval and Virginia Morris;
20 and his brothers, John and Michael Koval; and

21 WHEREAS, Joe Koval is survived by his children, Terri
22 Mrazek, Linda Yingst, Keith Koval, Rhonda Koval, and George
23 (Elizabeth) Koval; 10 grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren;

1 and numerous nieces and nephews and their families; therefore,
2 be it

3 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL
4 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
5 Joseph Patrick "Joe" Koval and extend our sincere condolences
6 to his family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be
7 it further

8 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
9 presented to the family of Joseph Koval as an expression of our
10 deepest sympathy.