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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 James D. Kell of Rochester, formerly of Springfield, who passed away on September 13, 2020; and

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WHEREAS, James Kell was born to Cecil and Ruth (Copple) Kell in Centralia on March 3, 1925; upon graduation from high school, he proudly served in the U.S. Army from 1943 to 1946; he earned two Overseas Service Bars, an American Campaign Medal, a European African Middle Eastern Campaign Medal with two Bronze Battle Stars, a Good Conduct Medal, and the World War II Victory Medal; he was proud to have attended an honor flight to Washington D.C. later in life; he married Margaret Ann Murphy on November 4, 1949; and

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WHEREAS, James Kell worked as a draftsman; he was first employed by Sangamo Electric and then by Dickey John; he retired in 1989; and

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WHEREAS, James Kell loved working with his hands; he enjoyed model railroading (N Gauge) and playing golf; his greatest source of joy was his family, particularly his grandchildren; and

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WHEREAS, James Kell was preceded in death by his wife; his

1 parents; his two brothers; his two sisters; and one  
2 great-grandson; and

3 WHEREAS, James Kell is survived by his four children, Kevin  
4 (Peggy) Kell, Mary Ann Mitchell, Karen (Rick) Vance, and Tim  
5 (Suzanne) Kell; his eleven grandchildren; and his seven  
6 great-grandchildren; therefore, be it

7 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL  
8 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of  
9 James D. Kell and extend our sincere condolences to his family,  
10 friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it further

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