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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 Jack Wesley Knott of St. Joseph, who passed away on June 13, 2020; and

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WHEREAS, Jack Knott was born in Urbana to Hiram Wesley Knott Jr. and Marian Louise Wood Knott on June 18, 1940; he grew up near Kolb Park in St. Joseph; he graduated from St. Joseph High School in 1959, where he was a choir member and participated in the state vocal contest; he attended Champaign Commercial College in 1962; he married Barbara Gale Maddock at St. Joseph Church of Christ on August 17, 1963; he served in the Illinois National Guard from 1963 to 1969 as a staff sergeant in the 1144th Transportation Battalion, and he completed basic training at Fort Leonard Wood in Missouri; and

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WHEREAS, Jack Knott worked as a computing supervisor in the Computing Service Office at the University of Illinois from 1963 to 1997; he owned a jewelry store in the Lando Place Mall on campus for several years; and

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WHEREAS, Jack Knott was actively involved in the St. Joseph community and was a member of several organizations, including the St. Joseph Civil Defense, the St. Joseph Lions Club, the St. Joseph Township Swearingen Memorial Library Board, and the

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1 Mount Olive Cemetery Association Board; he was co-chairman of
2 the 1972 St. Joseph Centennial; he was a member of St. Joseph
3 Church of Christ; and

4 WHEREAS, Jack Knott enjoyed spending time taking care of
5 others, including his parents, his numerous great-aunts, and
6 his grandchildren; he also enjoyed spending time with the
7 McDonald's Coffee Group, his cat Sadie, going to the Casey's in
8 St. Joseph, having breakfast at Henk's, and attending any
9 events in which his grandchildren Riley and Hayden were
10 involved; and

11 WHEREAS, Jack Knott was an excellent singer, and he
12 performed hundreds of times at weddings, funerals, and nursing
13 homes; he was known as a people person and will be remembered
14 for leaving countless smiles on people's faces; and

15 WHEREAS, Jack Knott was preceded in death by his parents;
16 his grandparents, John Bluford Wood and Ella Wood; his brother,
17 James B. Knott; and his sister-in-law, Patricia M. Knott; and

18 WHEREAS, Jack Knott is survived by his wife; his sons,
19 Gregory John Knott (Brooke) and Kevin Wesley Knott (Julie); his
20 grandchildren, Riley Knott and Hayden Knott; and his numerous
21 cousins; therefore, be it

1 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL
2 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
3 Jack Wesley Knott and extend our sincere condolences to his
4 family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it
5 further

6 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
7 presented to the family of Jack Knott as an expression of our
8 deepest sympathy.