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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 Don David Smith of Des Plaines, who passed away on October 7, 2023; and

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WHEREAS, Don Smith was a native of Ohio; he served as a peacetime soldier in the United States Army as a Russian translator on the West German border, where he met his wife; and

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WHEREAS, Don Smith was employed by Maine West Township High School, where he taught Spanish for 33 years; he was involved with the AFS program and the Spanish club; he organized and chaperoned several trips to Mexico and Europe; and

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WHEREAS, Don Smith volunteered at Genesis teaching English to Spanish speakers and volunteered for several years at the Self Help Closet and Pantry of Des Plaines after retirement; he enjoyed singing and was part of Four on the Floor at Maine West and the Chicago Veterans Chorus; he loved to read and travel in his spare time; and

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WHEREAS, Don Smith is survived by his wife of 63 years, Rosemarie Smith; his children, Erik Smith, Britta (Jay)

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1 Smith-Goeppner, and Jennifer (Jeff) Mindykowski; and his  
2 grandchildren, J.D. Mindykowski, Allison Mindykowski, and  
3 Danielle Mindykowski; therefore, be it

4       RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL  
5 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of  
6 Don David Smith and extend our sincere condolences to his  
7 family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it  
8 further

9       RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
10 presented to the family of Don Smith as an expression of our  
11 deepest sympathy.