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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 Alphonse A. DeBruine of East Moline, who passed away on December 27, 2023; and

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WHEREAS, Alphonse DeBruine was born to Celest and Ermine Steene DeBruyne in Silvis on January 22, 1927; he graduated from United Township High School in 1944; he married Leora J. Leibee in Silvis on June 25, 1949; he served in U.S. Army Air Corps during World War II; and

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WHEREAS, Following 38 years of service as a tool and die maker for John Deere Harvester Works, Alphonse DeBruine retired in 1985; and

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WHEREAS, Alphonse DeBruine was a licensed pilot and enjoyed flying his Bellanca Cruiseair airplane from 1969 to 1988; and

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WHEREAS, After his retirement, Alphonse DeBruine enjoyed golfing in the summer, making seven holes-in-one and becoming known as the "Mole Man" on the course, and bowling in the winter through the Senior League at Highland Park Bowl; and

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WHEREAS, Alphonse DeBruine was affectionately known as

1 "Grandpa Oak-O-Doak-O" to his grandchildren and
2 great-grandchildren; he will be remembered as a loving
3 husband, father, grandfather, and great-grandfather; and

4 WHEREAS, Alphonse DeBruine was preceded in death by his
5 infant daughter, Vallery; his parents; and his siblings,
6 Frank, Morris, Augusta, Rose, Lara, Anna, and a sister in
7 infancy; and

8 WHEREAS, Alphonse DeBruine is survived by his wife of 74
9 years, Leora; his son, Vance (Carolyn) DeBruine; his
10 grandchildren, Heather DeBruine, Matthew (Morgan) DeBruine,
11 Nicole (Alex) Deitrich, and Brandon (Laura) DeBruine; and his
12 great-grandchildren, Caleb, Wyatt, Robert, and Jackson, with
13 one on the way; therefore, be it

14 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL
15 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
16 Alphonse A. DeBruine and extend our sincere condolences to his
17 family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it
18 further

19 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
20 presented to the family of Alphonse DeBruine as an expression
21 of our deepest sympathy.