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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 William Jens Moellering of Rock Island, who passed away on August 8, 2019; and

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WHEREAS, William Moellering was born in Rock Island to Grover "Pete" and Christine Wadsager Moellering on July 10, 1927; he graduated from Rock Island High School; and

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WHEREAS, William Moellering served in the U.S. Navy during World War II, where he sailed on the USS Donald W. Wolff in the Pacific from 1944 to 1946; he enjoyed passing time and entertaining his fellow sailors by playing the alto saxophone, which he learned how to play as a young boy; he was honored to participate in an Honor Flight to Washington, D.C. in 2009; and

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WHEREAS, William Moellering married Barbara Holland at First Christian Church in Rock Falls on March 13, 1955, and they settled in Rock Island; and

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WHEREAS, William Moellering retired from Caterpillar in 1988 after 22 years of service; he previously worked for Servus Rubber, Rock Island Water Reservoir, Crompton's Service Station, Rock Island and Bettendorf, J.I. Case, Prudential Insurance, and Trinity Episcopal Church in Rock Island; and

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1 WHEREAS, William Moellering was a member of Memorial
2 Christian Church in Rock Island since 1959; he was a member of
3 the Rock Island Masonic Lodge #658 for 34 years and spent 26
4 years with the Boy Scouts, where he served as the chaplain,
5 assistant leader, chairman of advancements, and chairman of
6 popcorn and Tom Watt sales; he also served on the Eagle Review
7 Board for the Chief Blackhawk District; he was a member of the
8 former Rock Island V.F.W. Post 1303 and participated in the
9 CCC, Fort Armstrong Campers, Caterpillar Campers, Friends of
10 the Rock Island Library, RSVP, and the QCCA; he spent 23 years
11 playing the alto saxophone in a band, New Horizons, at
12 C.A.S.I.; and

13 WHEREAS, William Moellering enjoyed fishing, hunting,
14 watching the Cubs and Bears play, painting, woodworking, jigsaw
15 puzzles, gemstone jewelry making, traveling, flower and
16 vegetable gardening, volunteering at QCCA trade shows,
17 homemade wine making, and playing the saxophone; he was also an
18 avid reader of World War II history; he loved all his children
19 and grandchildren and especially enjoyed watching them play
20 sports; he even loved his cats; and

21 WHEREAS, William Moellering was preceded in death by his
22 parents; his sister, Dorothy Ryan; and several cousins; and

1 WHEREAS, William Moellering is survived by his wife,
2 Barbara; his children, Barbara (Lonnie) Jacobs, Judy (Jerry)
3 Mader, Cheryl (Rob) Faust, Bill Moellering, and Ken (Eve)
4 Moellering; his grandchildren, Kathy Steele, Wendy Lionheart,
5 Greg Minear, Jason Mader, Joshua Mader, Erin Borst, Brittany
6 Haberthur, Lance Moellering, Emily Moellering, Calla
7 Moellering, and Chloe Moellering; and his great-grandchildren,
8 Dante, Shania, Stella, Ruby, Kira, Tucker, Sophia, Lucy, and
9 the soon expected, Baby J; therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL
11 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
12 William Jens Moellering and extend our sincere condolences to
13 his family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it
14 further

15 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
16 presented to the family of William Moellering as an expression
17 of our deepest sympathy.