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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 the St. Joseph Civil Defense and the St. Joseph Lions Club; he served on the St. Joseph Township Swearingen Memorial Library Board and the Mount Olive Cemetery

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

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

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

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

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

21 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL

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

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