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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 Harold Eugene "Fuzz" Barton of Hartford, who passed away on June 19, 2020; and

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WHEREAS, Harold Barton was born to Tillman and Velma (Neisler) Barton on April 22, 1937; he grew up in South Roxana; he graduated from Roxana High School; he served in the U.S. Army, and he was stationed in Wiesbaden, Germany; he married Emma Fin in 1962, and she preceded him in death on March 1, 2014; they lived in their first home in Roxana and then moved to Hartford in 1971; he met his companion Loretta O'Neal in 2014; and

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WHEREAS, Harold Barton worked for his father at Barton Lumber Company; he then worked with his brother at Barton Construction; he finished his career in construction with his son, Matt, at BERCO Construction prior to his retirement; over the years, he built many homes, roads, bridges, and utility infrastructures in the River Bend area; and

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WHEREAS, Harold Barton was an avid water skier and was a member of the Alton Water Ski Club throughout the 1960s; later in life, he became an avid cyclist, and he rode in the MS 150 Ride with a team of family and friends to raise money for the

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1 Multiple Sclerosis Society; throughout his life, he enjoyed  
2 spending summers on Sanibel Island, Florida with family, where  
3 he learned the sport of shelling; alongside his wife, he made  
4 many beautiful shell crafts, and they would attend flea markets  
5 to sell them; he had many interests, including solving puzzles,  
6 eating out, camping, and attending concerts; he loved being a  
7 grandfather and spending time with his grandchildren; he was  
8 known for his ability to make friends wherever he went, for his  
9 ever present smile, and for being a great caregiver; he was an  
10 extraordinary man whose generous and caring spirit was a  
11 blessing to many; and

12 WHEREAS, Harold Barton was preceded in death by his parents  
13 and his wife, Emma; and

14 WHEREAS, Harold Barton is survived by his daughter and  
15 son-in-law, Stephanie and Terry Griffin; his son and  
16 daughter-in-law, Matthew and Barbara Barton; his six  
17 grandchildren, Taralei, Marissa and her husband David, Steven,  
18 Ethan and his wife Adrianna, Tysen, and Cayden; his companion,  
19 Loretta O'Neal; his three sisters and two brothers-in-law, Lela  
20 Ellis, Marilyn and Jimmy Gebert, Marcia and David Feldman; his  
21 brother and sister-in-law, Don and Vera Barton; his many nieces  
22 and nephews; and countless other extended family and friends;  
23 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 Harold Eugene "Fuzz" Barton and extend our sincere condolences  
4 to his family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be  
5 it further

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