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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 Ernest "Ernie" Frederick Bennett of Buffalo, who passed away on August 8, 2020; and

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WHEREAS, Ernie Bennett was born to Harry and Florence (Hoffert) Bennett in Springfield on November 2, 1936; he married Joyce Anne Watkins on October 24, 1959; he served in the U.S. Army for four years; and

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WHEREAS, After serving in the military, Ernie Bennett worked for Caterpillar Inc. in Decatur; and

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WHEREAS, Ernie Bennett was a member of the South Tower Community Church; and

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WHEREAS, Ernie Bennett enjoyed his antique vehicles and was a member of the Early Idlers Car Club in Decatur; he was a self-taught artist who loved to draw; he loved spending time with his wife as they traveled to fairs with their E & J Concessions stand; he loved the Chicago Cubs and was thrilled when they won the 2016 World Series at the time of his 80th birthday; and

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WHEREAS, Ernest Bennett was preceded in death by his

1 parents; his wife; four brothers, Harvey Bennett, Harold  
2 Bennett, George Bennett, and Jim Bennett; and one sister, Marie  
3 Galbraith; and

4 WHEREAS, Ernest Bennett is survived by his four children,  
5 Renee (Jeff) Kruger, Duane (Jan) Bennett, Robin (Jay) Timm, and  
6 Rachael (Robert) Paul; his seven grandchildren, Kyle Kruger,  
7 Aaron Bennett, J.P Meyer, Bryce Paul, Lucas Kruger, Abbey Paul,  
8 and Alec Timm; and his three great-grandchildren, Maddux  
9 Bennett, Marlie Meyer, and Avery Paul; 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 Ernest "Ernie" Frederick Bennett and extend our sincere  
13 condolences to his family, friends, and all who knew and loved  
14 him; and be it further

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