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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 Joseph Dean "Joe" Scherschel of Hampton, who passed away on November 13, 2020; and

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WHEREAS, Joe Scherschel was born in Rapid City to William Andrew and Elva Pauline McLaughlin Scherschel on August 3, 1933; he graduated from Moline High School in 1952; he attended the Moline Institute of Commerce; he served in the U.S. Army Reserve, where he belonged to the 44th Artillery and served as Private First Class during the Korean War; he married Pat Pearsall on September 4, 1957, and she preceded him in death on February 23, 2016; together, they adopted two children, Dean and Jay; and

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WHEREAS, Joe Scherschel first worked at Omar Bread Company, where he delivered bread and milk; then, he was employed as an appliance salesman at the Gas & Light Company; he later worked for the U.S. Postal Service, where he had perfect attendance and retired in 1998; and

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WHEREAS, Joe Scherschel volunteered for the Mississippi Valley Regional Blood Center after retirement, and he became known as "The Blood Man" for delivering blood all around the Quad Cities and surrounding areas; alongside his wife, he was a

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1 member of the First Baptist Church of East Moline; and

2 WHEREAS, Joe Scherschel was known for his daily bike rides
3 around the neighborhood and enjoyed driving around to local
4 restaurants, where he would stop and visit with people; he was
5 also known for performing magic tricks, especially the rubber
6 band trick; his proudest moment was becoming a grandfather, and
7 he did anything and everything for his four grandchildren; he
8 will be remembered for being a friend to all and a man who was
9 always smiling, happy to meet and see others, and willing to
10 lend a helping hand; and

11 WHEREAS, Joe Scherschel was preceded in death by his wife;
12 his parents; his brother, Wayne; his sister, Beverly; and his
13 son, Dean; and

14 WHEREAS, Joe Scherschel is survived by his son, Jay (Renae)
15 Scherschel; his grandchildren, Joe (Annemarie Chambliss)
16 Scherschel, Jenny (Adam) Long, Sara Scherschel, and Nathan
17 Scherschel; and his great-grandchildren, Carter and Teagan;
18 therefore, be it

19 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL
20 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
21 Joseph Dean "Joe" Scherschel and extend our sincere condolences
22 to his family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be

1 it further

2 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
3 presented to the family of Joe Scherschel as an expression of
4 our deepest sympathy.