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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives are saddened to learn of the death of Donald
4 Leonard "Don" Grubaugh of Ottawa, who passed away on November
5 25, 2022; and

6 WHEREAS, Don Grubaugh was born to George and Lillian
7 (Philhower) Grubaugh in Ottawa on March 26, 1941; he attended
8 Lincoln Elementary School and graduated from Ottawa Township
9 High School, where he played the trombone and tuba and
10 participated in track; he earned his Certificate in Banking
11 from the University of Wisconsin at Madison; he married
12 Eustachia "Diane" Knoedler at the First Presbyterian Church in
13 Grand Ridge on October 5, 1963, and she preceded him in death
14 on May 3, 2015; and

15 WHEREAS, Don Grubaugh was drafted into the U.S. Army
16 during Vietnam, where he was assigned to D Company, 52nd
17 Infantry Regiment at Bien Hoa and Long Binh from March 1967 to
18 March 1968; he was wounded in an explosion during the Tet
19 Offensive on January 31, 1968, earning the Bronze Star for
20 bravery and other service medals; and

21 WHEREAS, Don Grubaugh had a 39-year career at First
22 National Bank of Ottawa, working his way from bank teller just

1 after high school to vice president; he enjoyed helping people
2 purchase homes and invest in the community; and

3 WHEREAS, Don Grubaugh was an avid and very skilled golfer;
4 over the course of every summer for 45 years, he served as a
5 logistics/radio volunteer for the PGA World Series of Golf and
6 World Golf Championship Tournaments held at Firestone Country
7 Club in Akron, Ohio; for his contributions, he was awarded the
8 David H. Franklin Volunteer Award in 2016; he also cherished
9 Pine Hills Golf Course in Ottawa; and

10 WHEREAS, Don Grubaugh volunteered with many community and
11 service organizations, including Elks Lodge #588, Community
12 Hospital of Ottawa/OSF Saint Elizabeth Medical Center ER, the
13 Reddick Library Board, AMBUCS, the Jaycees, Camp Tuckabatchee,
14 Camp Fire Board, the Civil Defense, and the River Rescue
15 Squad; he also served a Little League coach; and

16 WHEREAS, Don Grubaugh was a lifelong member of First
17 United Methodist Church; he was active with a variety of
18 military veterans groups, including the American Legion, VFW,
19 and the LaSalle County Veterans Home; and

20 WHEREAS, Don Grubaugh never met a stranger, and he enjoyed
21 a good steak and a good joke; he loved jazz, dancing, model
22 trains, fishing, and his family; he especially loved being a

1 grandfather and attending all of his grandchildren's school
2 functions, sporting events, dance productions, and other
3 activities; and

4 WHEREAS, Don Grubaugh was preceded in death by his
5 parents; his wife of 51 years; his sisters, Pauline Klein,
6 Cecilia Carter, and Genevieve Hall; and his brother, George
7 Grubaugh; and

8 WHEREAS, Don Grubaugh is survived by his children, Don
9 Grubaugh, Dawn (Doug) Tedrick, and Elizabeth (Tim) Drea; his
10 grandchildren, Jacob and Piper Grubaugh, Cameron and Kyle
11 Tedrick, and Andrew, Bridget, Lillian, and Jack Drea; his
12 companion, Diane McCurdy; and his many nieces and nephews;
13 therefore, be it

14 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
15 HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
16 we mourn the passing of Donald Leonard "Don" Grubaugh and
17 extend our sincere condolences to his family, friends, and all
18 who knew and loved him; and be it further

19 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
20 presented to the family of Don Grubaugh as an expression of our
21 deepest sympathy.