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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of Representatives are saddened to learn of the death of Donald R. "Dick" Ladzinski of Peru, who passed away on December 19, 2022; and

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WHEREAS, Dick Ladzinski was born to Edward and Sally Florence (Zultowski) Ladzinski in LaSalle on January 20, 1933; he graduated from LaSalle-Peru High School in 1951 and from Illinois Valley Community College; he served in the U.S. Navy Seabees from 1952 to 1956, and he was stationed in the Philippines early on during the Korean War; he married Ruth Wall at St. Joseph's Church in Peru on October 23, 1954, and she preceded him in death on October 29, 1987; he later married Jeanne Thompson at St. Joseph's Church in Peru on November 3, 2006; and

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WHEREAS, After he returned from the Navy, Dick Ladzinski joined Carpenters Local 195; during his career, he was the business agent of Union Carpenters 195 in Peru; he was a 66-year member of Carpenters Local 195 and 174; and

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WHEREAS, During his career, Dick Ladzinski was secretary-treasurer of the Illinois State Council of Carpenters, and he lobbied for labor in Springfield and

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1 Washington, D.C.; he prided himself on honesty and no waste in  
2 union practices; he fought for worker's safety laws and living  
3 wages and to provide a surplus of scholarships to trade  
4 schools; and

5 WHEREAS, Dick Ladzinski was a guardian of nature and  
6 steward of the land in retirement; he enjoyed hunting,  
7 fishing, bird watching, traveling, baseball, photography,  
8 cooking, and gardening; his legacy to his children was his  
9 love; and

10 WHEREAS, Dick Ladzinski was preceded in death by his  
11 parents; his first wife, Ruth Wall Ladzinski; his daughter,  
12 Mary Ladzinski; his brother, Edward Ladzinski; and his sister,  
13 Carol Ladzinski Newcomer; and

14 WHEREAS, Dick Ladzinski is survived by his wife, Jeanne  
15 Thompson Ladzinski; his children, Rick Ladzinski, Mike  
16 (Kathleen Layden) Ladzinski, Dave Ladzinski, Tim (Dawn Beams)  
17 Ladzinski, Susan Ladzinski Blair, Tom (Angela Suarez)  
18 Ladzinski, and Julie Ladzinski (Scott) Kelley; his  
19 stepchildren, Julie Thompson and Neil Thompson; his 20  
20 grandchildren; his six great-grandchildren; and his sister,  
21 Dorothy Ladzinski Troup; therefore, be it

22 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE

1 HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
2 we mourn the passing of Donald R. "Dick" Ladzinski and extend  
3 our sincere condolences to his family, friends, and all who  
4 knew and loved him; and be it further

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