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SENATE RESOLUTION

2           WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate are saddened  
3 to learn of the death of Samuel Herman "Sam" Swartzbaugh of  
4 West Salem, who passed away on March 5, 2021; and

5           WHEREAS, Sam Swartzbaugh was born in Bone Gap to Walter  
6 and Gertrude (Koertge) Swartzbaugh on July 30, 1927; he  
7 enlisted in the U.S. Coast Guard in 1945 and served for just  
8 under a year on the U.S.S. Knoxville, patrolling the  
9 mid-Atlantic; and

10           WHEREAS, Sam Swartzbaugh served in the U.S. Army from 1949  
11 to 1972, where he worked as a mechanic, fuel man, crane  
12 operator, and medical equipment inspector; during his over 23  
13 years of service, he spent nearly 18 years overseas and was  
14 stationed in several countries, including Germany, France, and  
15 Japan; he was awarded the Korean Service Medal and served two  
16 tours of duty in Vietnam; after retiring from the Army, he  
17 relocated his family to West Salem; and

18           WHEREAS, After his retirement from the Army, Sam  
19 Swartzbaugh worked at Champion Laboratories, attended Olney  
20 Central College, and also worked as a bus driver for the  
21 Edwards County School District; and

1           WHEREAS, Sam Swartzbaugh enjoyed gardening, working on his  
2 vehicles, and telling stories and tales of years past; he also  
3 enjoyed buying, selling, and working with his many Allis  
4 Chalmers tractors; and

5           WHEREAS, Sam Swartzbaugh was preceded in death by his  
6 parents; his wife of 48 years, Herta; and his grandson, Samuel  
7 James Swartzbaugh; and

8           WHEREAS, Sam Swartzbaugh is survived by his children, Ted,  
9 Francine Ruiz, Brian (Helen), Martin (Marla), Daniel, and  
10 Bettina (Paul) Carrell; 15 grandchildren; 5  
11 great-grandchildren; 1 great-great-grandchild; and his cousin,  
12 Loretta Buckles; therefore, be it

13           RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL  
14 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of  
15 Samuel H. "Sam" Swartzbaugh and extend our sincere condolences  
16 to his family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be  
17 it further

18           RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
19 presented to the family of Sam Swartzbaugh as an expression of  
20 our deepest sympathy.