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1 SENATE RESOLUTION

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2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate are saddened 3 to learn of the death of James Ray "Jim" Fidlar of Cordova, who 4 passed away on June 6, 2021; and

WHEREAS, Jim Fidlar was born in Des Moines, Iowa to Edwin and Violet (Slater) Fidlar on August 4, 1945; he served in the U.S. Marine Corps and saw combat during the Vietnam War; he then continued his military career as a prison guard at Camp Lejeune Military Base in Jacksonville, North Carolina; he married Lynn Smalley in Cordova on August 18, 1996; and

11 WHEREAS, Jim Fidlar worked as an insurance agent and 12 financial advisor for Prudential in Moline for approximately 13 10 years; he then worked as a radiation technician for the 14 Exelon Nuclear Power Plant, retiring in 2005; and

WHEREAS, Jim Fidlar was a member of Doric Masonic Lodge 319 in Moline, Cordova American Legion Post #1033, the Vietnam Veterans of America, and the Disabled Veterans of America; and

WHEREAS, Jim Fidlar was known for being a proud Papa who loved following his grandkids and cheering them on during their sporting events; he enjoyed fishing and traveling to many parts of the country; he was proud of organizing the

- 1 Cordova Sesquicentennial parade; and
- 2 WHEREAS, Jim Fidlar was preceded in death by his parents;
- 3 his brother, Charles Fidlar; and his brothers-in-law, Emmett
- 4 Lee Downey and Louie Wiklund; and
- 5 WHEREAS, Jim Fidlar is survived by his wife, Lynn; his
- 6 daughter, Erin (Jon) Ketelsen (daughter of Janet Duncan
- 7 Fidlar); his son, Mahlon "Mac" (Sarah) Lewis; his brother,
- 8 David Fidlar; his sisters, Verna Mae Downey and Joanne
- 9 Wiklund; his sister-in-law, Patsy Fidlar; and his
- 10 grandchildren, Bryce Ketelsen, Madalyn Ketelsen, Emily Lewis,
- 11 Amy Lewis, and William Lewis; therefore, be it
- 12 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL
- ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
- James Ray "Jim" Fidlar and extend our sincere condolences to
- 15 his family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it
- 16 further
- 17 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
- 18 presented to the family of Jim Fidlar as an expression of our
- deepest sympathy.