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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 Carl Edward Steinmacher of Springfield, who passed away on June 2, 2021; and

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WHEREAS, Carl Steinmacher was born in Springfield to Louis and Elizabeth (Keller) Steinmacher on August 2, 1941; he served in the U.S. Army from 1958 to 1961, where he was a member of the 1st Missile Battalion, 33rd Artillery, Barton barracks in Ansbach, Germany and learned the art of explosives; and

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WHEREAS, Carl Steinmacher went to work for Kroger Grocery upon returning to Springfield; after friends requested celebrating a July 4th anniversary with professional grade fireworks, he reconnected with his Army experience and trained to be a pyrotechnician in Osco in 1971, where he was offered a job; he established Stars and Stripes Fireworks of Springfield, and he eventually retired the company in 2004; he then became lead pyrotechnician of Nostalgia Fireworks; and

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WHEREAS, Carl Steinmacher created five generations of memories as he lit the skies for folks across central Illinois; his firework shows generated exclamations of delight at a number of events throughout Springfield, including the

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1 Illinois State Fair starting in the Jim Thompson era, the  
2 Springfield races, LincolnFest, the Sangamon County Fair, Rock  
3 the Dock, First Night, the Susan G. Komen Fun Run, the Muni,  
4 multiple school drama productions, and backyard parties; his  
5 work was displayed over the tops of grandstand acts, which  
6 included B.B. King, the Beach Boys, and Willie Nelson; he also  
7 provided military effects for reenactments at Fort Massac in  
8 Metropolis; and

9 WHEREAS, Carl Steinmacher was affectionately called "Boom  
10 Boom" by most and lived his life doing what he loved, creating  
11 shows that did not disappoint; and

12 WHEREAS, Carl Steinmacher was preceded in death by his  
13 parents; his brothers, Louis Jr., George, Joseph, and John  
14 Steinmacher; and his daughter, Carlea Steinmacher Wiedner; and

15 WHEREAS, Carl Steinmacher is survived by his sisters,  
16 Dolores Young and Betty Ann (Arnold) Kochman; several nieces  
17 and nephews; and his firework family friends; therefore, be it

18 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL  
19 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of  
20 Carl Edward Steinmacher and extend our sincere condolences to  
21 his family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it  
22 further

1           RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
2 presented to the family of Carl Steinmacher as an expression  
3 of our deepest sympathy.