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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 Jeffrey Gene Givens of Peoria, who passed away on June 24, 2021; and

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WHEREAS, Jeffrey Givens was born in Peoria to Homer "Al" Givens and Bertha L. (Kickel) Givens on April 22, 1945; he attended Princeville schools and graduated in 1963; from his first marriage, he had two daughters; he married Paula J. Applegate on March 15, 2019; and

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WHEREAS, Jeffrey Givens joined his father's business, Givens Machine Co. Inc., where he served as a worker, partner, and owner for 43 years; he retired in 2006; and

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WHEREAS, Jeffrey Givens was a member of the Akron-Princeville Volunteer Fire Department; he also held a special deputies commission from the Peoria County Sheriff's Department for several years; and

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WHEREAS, Jeffrey Givens was interested in nature and history; he was a member of several plant and animal societies, mostly natural plants of Illinois, and helped create several natural prairies in central Illinois; he studied his family history and was a member of the Sons of the

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1 American Revolution, the Sons of the War of 1812, the Sons of
2 Union Veterans of the Civil War, and the Sons of Confederate
3 Veterans; he was the first camp commander of the Sons of Union
4 Veterans of the Civil War post in Peoria; he also joined
5 several reenactor groups and gave talks to schools and
6 historical groups about the Civil War era; he was a lifelong
7 member of the Princeville Masonic Lodge #360, where he
8 achieved 32nd degree in the Scottish Rite; and

9 WHEREAS, Jeffrey Givens enjoyed hiking, camping,
10 backpacking, mountain climbing, bird watching, traditional
11 archery shooting, skeet shooting, competitive pistol shooting,
12 muzzleloading, and spending time outdoors; he studied
13 different martial arts and finally attained a 4th-degree black
14 belt in Japanese Wado Ryu Karate; he then taught karate for
15 many years; he also developed an interest in music, mostly
16 older folk music, and learned to play banjo and guitar; after
17 obtaining and putting back together his grandfather Ellis
18 Givens' fiddle, he learned how to play at the age of 73; he
19 enjoyed spending time with his grandchildren; and

20 WHEREAS, Jeffrey Givens was preceded in death by his
21 parents; and

22 WHEREAS, Jeffrey Givens is survived by his wife, Paula;
23 his sister, Sally (Richard) Cloyd; his brother, Erik Givens

1 (Deb); his daughters, Carrie Louise Givens (fiancé, Roger
2 Monke) and Jennifer Marie (James) Curtis; his grandchildren,
3 Olivia Ruth Combs, Taylor Marie Roberson, and Jeffrey James
4 Curtis; and his Westie, Holly; therefore, be it

5 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL
6 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
7 Jeffrey Gene Givens and extend our sincere condolences to his
8 family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it
9 further

10 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
11 presented to the family of Jeffrey Givens as an expression of
12 our deepest sympathy.