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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 Charles "Charlie" E. Smith of Rock Island, who passed away on September 7, 2021; and

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WHEREAS, Charlie Smith was born to George and Theresa (Bernet) Smith on December 22, 1927; he graduated from Springfield High School and served in the U.S. Army during World War II; he then attended Springfield Community College before transferring to St. Louis University, where he graduated in 1958; and

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WHEREAS, During college, Charlie Smith joined the FBI as a clerk, where he met and married Mary Louise Hunn; after graduation, he achieved agent status and shortly thereafter transferred to the FBI office in Phoenix; he later served FBI tours in Killeen and San Antonio, Texas, in Jackson and Columbus, Mississippi, and in Springfield; he then served in the Quad Cities office, where he retired as Special Agent in Charge in 1980 after 30 years of service; and

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WHEREAS, Charlie Smith received much recognition for his service with the FBI; most notably, he received special recognition from then FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover for taking part in apprehending an FBI Top Ten Fugitive in Phoenix; and

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1 WHEREAS, In retirement, Charlie Smith enjoyed collecting
2 coins, arts and crafts, bird watching, growing roses, and
3 eating breakfast at Cracker Barrel; above all, he enjoyed
4 spending time with his family; and

5 WHEREAS, Charlie Smith was preceded in death by his
6 parents; his brothers, Edward, Robert, David, Albert, George,
7 and Walter Smith; and his sister, Frances Ries; and

8 WHEREAS, Charlie Smith is survived by his children,
9 Kathryn (William) Fey, Carolyn (Kevin) Puebla, Charles David
10 (Christine) Smith, Michael (Christine) Smith, and Thomas
11 (Lucy) Smith; his 13 grandchildren; his 13
12 great-grandchildren; his sister-in-law, Barb Smith; and his
13 nephews, Mathew and Patrick Smith; therefore, be it

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

19 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
20 presented to the family of Charlie Smith as an expression of
21 our deepest sympathy.