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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 Jesse Lewis Formhals, who passed away on October 23, 2021; and

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WHEREAS, Jesse Formhals was born on a farm in Pontiac to Carl and Caroline (Dietrich) Formhals on July 12, 1933; he graduated from Ottawa High School; he served in the U.S. Army during the Korean War and was stationed in Alaska as a meteorologist; and

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WHEREAS, After his service, Jesse Formhals worked for Libby Owens Ford in Ottawa making windshields for cars; he then became a welder for Caterpillar in Joliet and later attended DeVry Institute in Chicago to study electronics; following graduation, he worked at Argonne National Laboratory for over 30 years, where he developed equipment to monitor radiation levels; and

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WHEREAS, Jesse Formhals enjoyed spending time with his family in Wisconsin at their cottage on Lake Delavan during retirement; he loved taking boat rides with his grandkids on his pontoon; he was a jack of all trades and the handyman of the family; he could frequently be found tinkering with cars, working on home rehab projects, or keeping up with the latest

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1 tech advancements; he appreciated the simple things in life, a
2 cup of McDonald's coffee, a slice of Giordano's deep-dish
3 pizza, and a slice of cherry pie to satisfy his immense sweet
4 tooth; and

5 WHEREAS, Jesse Formhals was kind, patient, and selfless;
6 he was a devoted husband who lovingly cared for his wife,
7 Gloria; as a dad, he exemplified the meaning of unwavering
8 love and taught his children many life lessons; he was their
9 biggest supporter and was adored as "pa", "papa", and "poppy";
10 he loved cheering on his grandkids at their special events and
11 was frequently their "phone a friend" for homework help in
12 math and science; his Catholic faith was at the center of his
13 life; and

14 WHEREAS, Jesse Formhals was preceded in death by his
15 parents; his sisters, Dorothea Formhals and Rolene (Owen)
16 Posner; his granddaughter, Jessica Mae Formhals; and his
17 brother, Carl (Charlotte) Formhals; and

18 WHEREAS, Jesse Formhals is survived by his wife of 63
19 years, Gloria (Girardo) Formhals; his son, Joe Formhals (Ann
20 Santoro); his daughter, Mary C. (Clarence) Vogel; his
21 grandchildren, Nicole Formhals (Kendrick Davis), Emma Vogel,
22 Kate Formhals, and Tim Formhals; his sister-in-law, Barbara
23 (Girardo) Gustafson; his cousin, Judith Roe; and his niece,

1 Laurie Apple; therefore, be it

2 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL
3 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
4 Jesse Lewis Formhals and extend our sincere condolences to his
5 family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it
6 further

7 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
8 presented to the family of Jesse Formhals as an expression of
9 our deepest sympathy.