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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 William Ellison "Bill" Kelly of Rock Island, who passed away on October 12, 2021; and

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WHEREAS, Bill Kelly was born in Newton, Iowa on January 3, 1929; he later moved to Davenport, where he graduated from Davenport High School; he served as head cook in the 109th Infantry, 28th Division, F Company in the U.S. Army during the Korean War, where he supervised the meals for 900 troops while overseas in Germany; and

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WHEREAS, Bill Kelly later worked in sales and owned his own pizza and sub shop; after his wife passed, he met Judy Saylor and spent the last 37 years refinishing and selling antiques, attending estate sales, and RV traveling to antique shows; and

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WHEREAS, Bill Kelly was a member of the Sons of the American Revolution; he enjoyed golfing and boating, especially sailing with his son-in-law, Art; and

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WHEREAS, Bill Kelly was preceded in death by his spouse, LaVerna Darleen (Meyer); his parents, Clarence William and Ruth Gladys (Bumgardner) Kelly; his brother, George; his

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1 sister, Constance; and his son, Kevin Patrick; and

2 WHEREAS, Bill Kelly is survived by his daughters, Kristy  
3 Lynn (Arthur) Durham, Kathleen Rose (the late Don) Ketelsen,  
4 and Koleen Michele (Charles) DeLaRosa; his 19 grandchildren;  
5 his 36 great-grandchildren; his 15 great-great grandchildren;  
6 his several nieces and nephews; his companion, Judy Saylor,  
7 her children, Chris and Amy, and her granddaughter, Lilie;  
8 therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL  
10 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of  
11 William Ellison "Bill" Kelly and extend our sincere  
12 condolences to his family, friends, and all who knew and loved  
13 him; and be it further

14 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
15 presented to the family of Bill Kelly as an expression of our  
16 deepest sympathy.