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SENATE RESOLUTION

2           WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate are saddened  
3 to learn of the death of John Edward "Jack" Sankey Jr. of  
4 Springfield, who passed away on November 7, 2021 at the age of  
5 101; and

6           WHEREAS, Jack Sankey was born to John Edward Sankey Sr.  
7 and Katherine (Chatterton) Sankey on August 11, 1920; he was a  
8 native of Springfield; he attended Blessed Sacrament Catholic  
9 Grade School, Springfield High School, and Springfield Junior  
10 College; he completed his education at Hobart College in  
11 Geneva, New York; he served in the U.S. Coast Guard from 1941  
12 to 1946, spending the majority of that time in the Pacific; he  
13 married Shirley Jean Studenroth in Springfield on May 10,  
14 1957, and she preceded him in death on November 20, 2004; and

15           WHEREAS, Jack Sankey co-founded the Sankey Brothers, Inc.  
16 Construction Company, where he served as president until it  
17 was sold in 1986; and

18           WHEREAS, Jack Sankey was an active member of the  
19 Springfield community; he served on several boards of  
20 directors, including the LPGA Rail Charity Classic, the  
21 Springfield Airport Authority, and the Illini Country Club,  
22 where he also served as president; he was a member of the

1 Sangamo Club, the Springfield Art Association, and several  
2 road paving associations; he was deeply committed to his faith  
3 and a member of the Blessed Sacrament and Christ the King  
4 Parishes; and

5 WHEREAS, Jack Sankey enjoyed several hobbies and pastimes,  
6 including investing in the stock market, spending time with  
7 family and friends, watching NCAA basketball and football, and  
8 many more; he was passionate about golfing, and his personal  
9 claim to fame was that he shot his age or better from age 81 to  
10 age 92; and

11 WHEREAS, Jack Sankey was preceded in death by his parents;  
12 his wife; his brother, Robert "Bob" Sankey; and his sister,  
13 Katherine "Sis" Sudduth; and

14 WHEREAS, Jack Sankey is survived by his sons, John E.  
15 (Jody) Sankey III and Robert M. Sankey; his daughters,  
16 Patricia (William) Marriott and Karen (John) Reyhan; his  
17 grandchildren, Karen Gail (Kory) Watson, Jacob Marriott,  
18 William (Kelly) Marriott, Melinda Marriott, Jacqueline Sankey,  
19 Robert Sankey Jr., Elizabeth Hope Sankey, Patricia Paige  
20 (Matt) Kaps, Madelyn Reyhan, and Franklin Reyhan; his  
21 great-grandchildren, Anna Marriott, Molly Marriott, Ford  
22 Fontaine, Finley Fontaine, Abigail Watson, and Jordan Watson;  
23 and several nieces and nephews; therefore, be it

1           RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL  
2 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of  
3 John Edward "Jack" Sankey Jr. and extend our sincere  
4 condolences to his family, friends, and all who knew and loved  
5 him; and be it further

6           RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
7 presented to the family of Jack Sankey as an expression of our  
8 deepest sympathy.