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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 Jess Meado of South Jacksonville, who passed away on January 31, 2022; and

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WHEREAS, Jess Meado was born in Meredosia to Lester and Viola Ball Meado on July 11, 1933; he married Donna Kehl at the Church of Our Saviour in Jacksonville on December 31, 1953; and

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WHEREAS, Jess Meado was a plumber in the Jacksonville area for many years; he was a member of Plumbers and Pipefitters Local 137 and served his apprenticeship with Tom Crabtree; he worked for Doyle Plumbing and Heating for many years and finished his career with the Jacksonville Correctional Center; and

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WHEREAS, Jess Meado served in the United States Marine Corps during the Korean War and was awarded the Bronze Star, Silver Star, Purple Heart, and South Korean Gold Star; he was honored in several publications, including The Final Crucible: US Marines in Korea by Lee Ballenger; he welcomed home many Honor Flight participants as they returned to Abraham Lincoln Capital Airport following their trips to Washington D.C.; he was proud to have been presented a Quilt of Valor; he was

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1 active in the West Central Illinois Leathernecks and countless  
2 Toys for Tots campaigns; and

3 WHEREAS, Jess Meado was a member of the Our Saviour  
4 Parish; he coached Little League Baseball for years and was a  
5 founding member of the Jacksonville Area Youth Football  
6 League; he enjoyed camping, canoeing, and traveling with his  
7 wife; and

8 WHEREAS, Jess Meado was preceded in death by his brothers,  
9 Lester, Robert, and Clarence Meado; and

10 WHEREAS, Jess Meado is survived by his wife, Donna; his  
11 children, Vicki (Michael) Vaughn, Terry Shafer, Rick (Patty)  
12 Meado, and Patti Meado (Dick Barnes); his grandchildren, Tyler  
13 (Joanna) Vaughn, Karissa Vaughn, Jamie (Scott) Schieber,  
14 Jessica Shafer, Brent Meado, Brian (Tara) Meado, and Christina  
15 Meado (Ross Graves); seven great-grandchildren; and several  
16 nieces and nephews; therefore, be it

17 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL  
18 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of  
19 Jess Meado and extend our sincere condolences to his family,  
20 friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it further

21 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be

1 presented to the family of Jess Meado as an expression of our  
2 deepest sympathy.