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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 Col. Jerry Noel Hoblit, who passed away on January 31, 2022; and

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WHEREAS, Col. Hoblit was born on September 8, 1936; he graduated from the U.S. Military Academy at West Point in 1958; he married Rosalie Ward at Spangdahlem Air Force Base in Germany on May 24, 1963; and

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WHEREAS, Col. Hoblit's call sign was Dragon, but he was also know as Hognose; during the Vietnam War, he served three separate tours; he was awarded numerous medals, including three Distinguished Flying Crosses and three Silver Stars; three and a half decades after his service in Vietnam, the Air Force awarded him with its highest honor, the Air Force Cross; he retired from the U.S. Air Force with the rank of Colonel on June 30, 1982; and

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WHEREAS, Col. Hoblit was a world-class fighter pilot, a loving husband and father, a doting grandfather, and a generous friend; while his military career was marked with incredible success, he counted his marriage to Rosalie as his greatest and happiest achievement; he loved his three daughters, Holly Virginia, Heather Elizabeth, and Heidi Noel

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1 and greatly enjoyed his grandchildren, Eric, Ethan, Rhegan,
2 and August; therefore, be it

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

8 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
9 presented to the family of Col. Hoblit as an expression of our
10 deepest sympathy.