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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 Paul Richard "Dick" Ware of Jacksonville, who passed away on November 20, 2022; and

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WHEREAS, Paul Ware was born to Claude and Dorothy Smith Ware in Decatur on July 16, 1931; he graduated from Tuscola High School in 1949; he attended the University of Illinois, where he was a member of the 1952 Big Ten Champion track team, graduating in 1953; he married Maysel Jones in 1949, and she preceded him in death in 1985; he later married Anne Woodrum in 1987, and she preceded him in death in 2015; and

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WHEREAS, Paul Ware began working for his father at Ware Oil Company upon graduation, eventually serving as CEO and chairman of the board; he helped grow the family service station/convenience store business until his retirement; and

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WHEREAS, Paul Ware served on the boards of Elliott State Bank, FirstBank of Illinois, Passavant Hospital, and the Illinois State Museum; he served as president of the Illinois Petroleum Marketers Association and the MacMurray College Board of Trustees; he was a member of the Society of Independent Gasoline Marketers Association, the Ansar Shriners, First Presbyterian Church, Sigma Chi Fraternity, the

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1 Jacksonville Country Club, and the Elks Club; and

2 WHEREAS, Paul Ware was a lifelong student and teacher of
3 nature, particularly of birds and insects, and he especially
4 enjoyed participating in bird banding and bird counts; he
5 continued being an active runner, then walker, through his
6 80s; he also enjoyed fishing, hunting, photography, and
7 spending time in Florida, where he volunteered at Sarasota's
8 Mote Marine Aquarium; and

9 WHEREAS, Paul Ware was preceded in death by his parents;
10 his son, Robert "Bob" Ware; and his brothers, Jon Ware and Bill
11 Ware; and

12 WHEREAS, Paul Ware is survived by his children, Vickie
13 (Danny) Brooks and Jim (Leslie) Ware; his daughter-in-law,
14 Sherri; his grandchildren, Spencer (Jennifer) Ware, Cathy
15 (Bill) Gibson, Christie (Joel) Leege, Abby (Dave) Nagel, and
16 Kelly (John) Armour; his stepson, Bill (Maureen) Woodrum; his
17 step-grandchildren, Amy (Mason) Woodside and Alyssa (Noah)
18 Adams; his step-great-grandson, Brody Johnson; his 17
19 great-grandchildren; and his several nieces and nephews;
20 therefore, be it

21 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL
22 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of

1 Paul Richard "Dick" Ware and extend our sincere condolences to
2 his family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it
3 further

4 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
5 presented to the family of Paul Ware as an expression of our
6 deepest sympathy.