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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives are saddened to learn of the death of Raymond
4 Frank "Ray" Goodbody of Waukegan, who passed away on September
5 6, 2022; and

6 WHEREAS, Ray Goodbody was born to Arthur and Florence
7 Goodbody on June 24, 1950; he was a lifelong Waukegan
8 resident; growing up, he worked at the family's flower farm,
9 which supplied flowers to retail shops throughout the Chicago
10 area and also grew vegetables to sell at local farm stands; he
11 attended Glen Flora Elementary School and Daniel Webster
12 Junior High School before graduating from Waukegan Township
13 High School in 1968; and

14 WHEREAS, After high school, Ray Goodbody apprenticed as an
15 auto mechanic through the Chrysler Corporation, eventually
16 becoming a master mechanic with the company; he also attained
17 his Automotive Service Excellence (ASE) certification; and

18 WHEREAS, Ray Goodbody was a member of the International
19 Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers Mechanics'
20 Union Local 701, where he was held in high esteem by his fellow
21 Local 701 members and was elected to represent them as a
22 delegate in the Northeastern Illinois Federation of Labor,

1 AFL-CIO; as a delegate, he proudly attended many rallies,
2 events, conferences, and state conventions on behalf of his
3 union brothers and sisters, always advocating for their
4 interests and well-being; and

5 WHEREAS, After an on-the-job injury and experiencing
6 dissatisfaction with the benefits process, Ray Goodbody began
7 to study the Illinois Workers' Compensation Act, embarking on
8 efforts to promote change and eventually becoming an informal
9 point person to provide the General Assembly with a labor
10 perspective on the workers' compensation process; and

11 WHEREAS, Ray Goodbody served as a deputy voter registrar
12 for Lake County, and he voted in every election; he was a
13 member of both the Illinois Labor History Society and the Zion
14 Benton Moose Lodge; and

15 WHEREAS, Ray Goodbody enjoyed both good cuisine and the
16 culinary arts, and he was a winner in a City of Waukegan Rib
17 Cookoff; he loved spending time in his garden, where he grew a
18 variety of vegetables; he often took his crop to the Lake
19 County Fair and won awards several times, including Best of
20 Show; he also loved cars and auto racing, and he could often be
21 found near the starting line at the Route 66 Raceway in Joliet
22 or at the Rockford Speedway; he especially enjoyed the dirt
23 track racing and tractor pulls perennially held at the

1 Illinois State Fair; and

2 WHEREAS, Ray Goodbody was a natural leader and a friend to
3 all, treating others with patience and compassion; he also had
4 a talent for being able to find adventures anywhere he went;
5 and

6 WHEREAS, Ray Goodbody was preceded in death by his
7 parents, aunts, and uncles; and

8 WHEREAS, At the time of his passing, Ray Goodbody was
9 survived by his partner, Joan Welton; his cousins, George
10 Rasmussen, Ken Rasmussen, and Alice Cameron; and his many
11 friends, colleagues, and acquaintances; therefore, be it

12 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
13 HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
14 we mourn the passing of Raymond Frank "Ray" Goodbody and
15 extend our sincere condolences to his family, friends, and all
16 who knew and loved him; and be it further

17 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
18 presented to the family of Ray Goodbody as an expression of our
19 deepest sympathy.