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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 Eldon Ray Arnold, formerly of Peoria, who passed away on December 30, 2022; and

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WHEREAS, Eldon Arnold was born to Dorothy (Miller) Boostrom and Estill Arnold in Monmouth on July 22, 1944; he graduated from Galesburg High School in 1962, where he was a decorated high school wrestler and All-State football player who also made the All-American football team; he married Beverly Jeanne Johnson on November 7, 1964; and

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WHEREAS, Eldon Arnold began his career at Caterpillar in the factory in 1965; over time, he developed skills in programming and project management in the office; he was a longtime board member of CEFCU; in 1992, he retired from Caterpillar and went to work at CEFCU full time, where he assumed the role of president and CEO in 1998 before retiring in 2006; and

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WHEREAS, Eldon Arnold served as a member of CUNA Mutual Holding Company's Board of Directors for nearly 13 years, including serving as board chairman for the final four years of his tenure; in 2004, he was appointed to serve a 2-year term on the Federal Reserve Board's Thrift Institutional Advisory

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1 Council under Chairman Alan Greenspan's tenure; and

2 WHEREAS, For his athletic accomplishments, Eldon Arnold
3 was inducted into the Galesburg High School Hall of Fame in
4 2009; and

5 WHEREAS, Eldon Arnold was known for his love, which was
6 loyal, fierce, and unwavering; over the years, he frequented
7 the stands of hundreds of sporting events for his children,
8 grandchildren, and great-grandchildren, making himself known
9 as their biggest fan; he was affectionately known as "Poppi"
10 to his grandchildren and great-grandchildren; and

11 WHEREAS, Eldon Arnold will be remembered for his beautiful
12 outlook on life, patient tenacity, and uncompromising grit;
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14 WHEREAS, Eldon Arnold was preceded in death by his parents
15 and his brother, James Arnold; and

16 WHEREAS, Eldon Arnold is survived by his wife of 58 years,
17 Beverly; his sons, Eric (Melanie) Arnold and Bradley (Amy)
18 Arnold; his nine grandchildren, with three married; his four
19 great-grandchildren; his sisters, Mary Arnold, Jacqueline
20 (Darren) Niles, and Christa Kay; his many cousins, nieces, and
21 nephews; and extended family; therefore, be it

1 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL
2 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
3 Eldon Ray Arnold and extend our sincere condolences to his
4 family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it
5 further

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