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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 John Virgil "Jack" Fishel Jr. of Arcola, who passed away on January 17, 2023; and

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WHEREAS, Jack Fishel was born to John Virgil Fishel, M.D., and Florence Mary (Brown) Fishel in Arcola on January 20, 1938; he graduated from Arcola High School in 1956, where he was named a distinguished alumnus by the Arcola Alumni Association in 2020; he attended the University of Illinois and was in the Army ROTC program until he transferred to Eastern Illinois University, where he earned his bachelor's degree; he married Lynda Kay Warfel in Arcola on December 27, 1958; and

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WHEREAS, Jack Fishel worked for the U.S. Department of Labor until his retirement in 1996 after 30 years of service, and his advocacy and respect for hourly wage earners remained steadfast; following his retirement, he owned and operated Fishel Real Estate for several years; and

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WHEREAS, Jack Fishel served on the Arcola City Council for many years and served as Mayor of Arcola; and

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WHEREAS, Jack Fishel was a member of St. John the Baptist

1 Catholic Church in Arcola; he also served on many boards in and
2 around Arcola over the years; and

3 WHEREAS, Jack Fishel had many passions; he loved
4 everything to do with Arcola, and he was a massive Arcola High
5 School sports fan who enjoyed cheering on his sons, an
6 eventual son-in-law, and a grandson from the stands; he shared
7 his heart with the Embassy bowling leagues, at Arrol's
8 pharmacy and coffee shops, and with his cribbage and euchre
9 buddies at the Kaskaskia Country Club; he possessed a deep
10 love for Hispanic culture, which was best expressed whenever
11 he watched a Puerto Vallarta sunset beside his wife; he also
12 loved the outdoors and his hunting property in Charleston was
13 his most treasured spot; and

14 WHEREAS, Jack Fishel was preceded in death by his parents
15 and his sister, Mary Allington; and

16 WHEREAS, Jack Fishel is survived by his wife, Lynda; his
17 children, John Virgil (Loretta) Fishel III, Jeff (Toni)
18 Fishel, Jim (Chris) Fishel, Amy Jo (Bob) Mueller, and Ali
19 (Brett) Keller; his 18 grandchildren; his 13
20 great-grandchildren; his sister, Carole Renfro; and his eight
21 nieces and nephews; therefore, be it

22 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL

1 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
2 John Virgil "Jack" Fishel Jr. and extend our sincere
3 condolences to his family, friends, and all who knew and loved
4 him; and be it further

5 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
6 presented to the family of Jack Fishel as an expression of our
7 deepest sympathy.