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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 Larry Dean Ehmen of Quincy, who passed away on January 4, 2023; and

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WHEREAS, Larry Ehmen was born to E. Dale and Meveline Heinecke Ehmen in Quincy on January 16, 1940; he was raised in the area near Golden and graduated from Central High School in 1957; he received a Bachelor of Science in Physics and Mathematics from Western Illinois University in Macomb and a Master of Science in Natural Science from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in Troy, New York; he married Reva Ann Post at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Bowen on Thanksgiving Day, November 22, 1962; and

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WHEREAS, Larry Ehmen taught high school physics at Central High School from 1961 to 1963 and at Quincy High School from 1963 to 1978; during his time at Quincy High School, he was one of the founders of the Quincy Conference; he was a co-owner of Fisher Business Equipment Company for 20 years and was also the co-owner and manager of Twin Mill Investments; and

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WHEREAS, Larry Ehmen was elected Adams County Recorder with the intent to eliminate the position; he served from 2000 until 2004 when the position was eliminated; he was a true

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1 statesman and gentleman when seeking resolution to complex  
2 issues; and

3 WHEREAS, During his life, Larry Ehmen was active in  
4 community affairs, including the Quincy Jaycees, the Quincy  
5 Exchange Club, the Adams County Republican Party in which he  
6 served as chairman for eight years, the United Way of Adams  
7 County, Transitions of Western Illinois, Mental Health  
8 Authority & Recovery Resources, the Adams County Board where  
9 he served as chairman for two years, Ellington Township where  
10 he served as supervisor for 43 years, and the Quincy Community  
11 Theater where he appeared in productions; he served on the  
12 Walter Hammond Day Care board for 25 years and was president of  
13 the board for 17 years; he served on the Western Illinois  
14 University Foundation Board for 25 years, including two years  
15 as president; he helped create the Great River Economic  
16 Development Foundation and served as the first president; he  
17 and his wife were co-presidents of the Illinois State  
18 University Parents Association during the time their children  
19 attended the University; he and his wife were members of  
20 Spring Lake Country Club for 30 years, and he served on the  
21 board; he was a member of Our Redeemer Lutheran Church since  
22 1962 where he served on several committees, held offices, and  
23 dedicated his last five years of volunteer service solely to  
24 the church; and

1           WHEREAS, Larry Ehmen was passionate about cars, but he was  
2 also a private pilot, rode motorcycles, and had pleasure boats  
3 on the river; he enjoyed working in his yard and instilling  
4 that passion in his children, whether they liked it or not; and

5           WHEREAS, Larry was preceded in death by his parents; his  
6 brother, Jim Ehmen; his sister-in-law, Charity Ehmen; and his  
7 brother-in-law, David White; and

8           WHEREAS, Larry Ehmen is survived by his wife of 60 years,  
9 Reva; his four children, Shelly (Doug) Quinn, Brad (Karol)  
10 Ehmen, Heidi (fiancé Parker Armbruster) Schlipman, and Ryan  
11 (Lynn) Ehmen; his 13 grandchildren, Hailey and Hayden Quinn,  
12 Lauren (fiancé Sam Triplett) Mueller, Maddi, Ella, and Anna  
13 Ehmen, Alex, Avery, and Alayna Schlipman, Peri Jane (fiancé  
14 Brendan Duffy) Ehmen, and Bennett, Rowan, and Josie Ehmen; his  
15 sister, Pat White; and several nieces and nephews; therefore,  
16 be it

17           RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL  
18 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of  
19 Larry Dean Ehmen and extend our sincere condolences to his  
20 family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it  
21 further

22           RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be

1 presented to the family of Larry Ehmen as an expression of our  
2 deepest sympathy.