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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 Ralph Evan Johnson of Jacksonville, who passed away on April 6, 2023; and

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WHEREAS, Ralph Johnson was born in Jacksonville to Everett and Margaret Murphy Johnson on September 29, 1932; he graduated from Routt Catholic High School in 1950; he served in the U.S. Army during the Korean War and was stationed in Austria; he married Agnes Jackson at Our Saviour Catholic Church on January 8, 1955; and

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WHEREAS, Ralph Johnson farmed with his sons; he was a member of the local farm bureau and was named Outstanding Young Farmer by the Jacksonville Chamber of Commerce; and

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WHEREAS, Ralph Johnson served his community in many capacities, including as president of the Holy Name Society at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Franklin; he was a member of the Franklin Lions Club since 1957, serving as district cabinet secretary from 1964 to 1965, district governor, and chairman of the Council Governors from 1979 to 1980 for the Lions of Illinois; he was recognized by the Lions for 60 years of perfect attendance; he was also a member of the Lions of Illinois Foundation Board; and

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1 WHEREAS, Ralph Johnson was a member of the Franklin School
2 Board and Franklin American Legion Post 1089 for 50 years,
3 serving as commissioner for seven years; he was a charter
4 member of the Morgan County Sheriff's Office Merit Commission
5 and was a precinct committeeman for Pisgah; and

6 WHEREAS, Ralph Johnson served with the Combined Veterans
7 Ceremonial Team for 21 years and was commander for 15 years; he
8 was a member of Our Saviour Catholic Church and a former member
9 of Sacred Heart Church; and

10 WHEREAS, Ralph Johnson was preceded in death by his
11 siblings, Helen Geimer, James Johnson, Margaret Burnett, Mary
12 Fleischli, Harold Johnson, and Donald Johnson; his son, Ralph
13 Evan Johnson Jr.; and his grandson, Samuel Evan Massalone; and

14 WHEREAS, Ralph Johnson is survived by his wife, Agnes; his
15 children, Nancy (Steve) Decker, Everett (LeAnn) Johnson,
16 Patricia (Mike) Elliott, Darryl (Stacy) Johnson, Karen (Mike)
17 Roberts, Rebecca (Mark) Johnson-Dyer, and Christopher (Mindi)
18 Johnson; his grandchildren, Jeremy (Bethany) Decker, Valerie
19 (Danny) Krohe, Chad (Jessi) Johnson, Jessica Johnson, Erica
20 Klendworth, Justin (Karrie) Johnson, Ashley (Andy) DeGroot,
21 Jenna Johnson, Ryan (Katrina) Elliott, Alaina Elliott, Alex
22 Johnson, Brandon (Autumn) Johnson, Mitchell Shade, Evan Shade,

1 Emma Massalone, Anna Massalone, Ella Walters, Jason Roberts,
2 Chris (Sam) Roberts, Erin (Matt) Fletcher, Dan (Angie)
3 Roberts, Kennadi Johnson, Kamdyn Johnson, and Kai Johnson; his
4 great-grandchildren, Colton Decker, Caleb Decker, Jayla
5 Johnson, Adia Killebrew, Avia Lowe, Ryder King, Amelia Krohe,
6 Declan Krohe, Miley Klendworth, Maddy Klendworth, Knox
7 Klendworth, Owen DeGroot, Cash Elliott, Shaylie Elliott, Jack
8 Edwards, Mia Johnson, Sully Roberts, Kate Roberts, Margaret
9 Roberts, Bridget Roberts, Theo Fletcher, and Cooper Ray; and
10 his brother, Robert (Judy) Johnson; therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL
12 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
13 Ralph Evan Johnson and extend our sincere condolences to his
14 family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it
15 further

16 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
17 presented to the family of Ralph Johnson as an expression of
18 our deepest sympathy.