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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 Raymond Vincent "Ray" Watt, who passed away on June 26, 2023; and

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WHEREAS, Ray Watt was born to Raymond Henry and Mary (Egerton) Watt on August 28, 1930; he served in the U.S. Army during the Korean War; and

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WHEREAS, Ray Watt was a 75-year member of the Carpenter's Union Local 47/97; he was also an active member of St. Jude Catholic Church; and

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WHEREAS, Ray Watt was very excited to participate in a recent Honor Flight; he was always willing to help anyone with a carpentry project; he especially enjoyed fishing at Table Rock Lake and fishing trips to Canada with his son, Ray; and

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WHEREAS, Ray Watt was preceded in death by his sister, Helen Palecek and her husband, Al Palecek; and

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WHEREAS, Ray Watt was the beloved husband of Catherine Rocco Watt for nearly 68 years; the dear father of Ray (Trudy) Watt, Tom (Margaret) Watt, Teresa (Tom) Carroll, and Tim (Nancy) Watt; the proud grandfather of Ray (Lena VanMeeteren)

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1 Watt, Elizabeth (Chris) Wiegert, Michelle (Aaron Docter) Watt,
2 Thomas (Bridget) Watt, Amanda (Thomas) Herbst, John Carroll,
3 and Brian Carroll; the proud great-grandfather of Luca Watt,
4 Lucy Wiegert, William Wiegert, and Brian Wiegert; and the
5 cherished friend to many; therefore, be it

6 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL
7 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
8 Raymond Vincent "Ray" Watt and extend our sincere condolences
9 to his family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be
10 it further

11 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
12 presented to the family of Ray Watt as an expression of our
13 deepest sympathy.