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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 Edgar "Jack" Seitz, the former Mayor of Des Plaines, who passed away on July 10, 2023; and

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WHEREAS, Jack Seitz was born to Edgar Seitz and Adelia (Koestner) Seitz in Detroit, Michigan on October 13, 1930; he graduated from De La Salle Collegiate High School in Warren, Michigan in 1948; he enlisted in the U.S. Naval Reserve Officers Training Corps (Navy ROTC) program as a midshipman in 1949; he earned his Bachelor of Science in Journalism from Northwestern University in 1952, where he also earned his Master of Business Administration in 1960; he married Marilyn Joan Migaud in Chicago in January 1958, and they moved to Des Plaines in 1962; and

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WHEREAS, Following his undergraduate studies, Jack Seitz served as an infantry platoon leader and a company executive officer in the U.S. Marine Corps while stationed in Korea in 1952, attaining the rank of first lieutenant; he continued to serve in the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve, retiring as a lieutenant colonel from the Marine Corps in 1990; and

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WHEREAS, Jack Seitz began his professional career as a statistician at the National Safety Council in Chicago in

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1 1955; he moved to the Continental Casualty Company in Chicago  
2 a year later, where he served as a copywriter and an account  
3 supervisor; in 1958, he began working as a contest and awards  
4 manager and in advertising and sales promotion for  
5 Encyclopedia Britannica; and

6 WHEREAS, Jack Seitz joined United Airlines in Chicago in  
7 mid-1964, where he held a number of advertising roles before  
8 concluding his tenure as assistant to the Director of  
9 Promotion in 1971; that same year, he began teaching business  
10 and marketing classes at Oakton Community College; he retired  
11 as a professor of business in 1992; and

12 WHEREAS, Jack Seitz was committed to his community,  
13 serving as alderman of the 7th Ward of the City of Des Plaines  
14 beginning in April 1967, a position he held until his election  
15 as Mayor of Des Plaines in 1981; he served as mayor for two  
16 four-year terms; and

17 WHEREAS, Jack Seitz was a member of St. Emily's Catholic  
18 Church in Mt. Prospect and served as an usher for many years;  
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20 WHEREAS, Jack Seitz enjoyed traveling to Europe, Asia, and  
21 all 50 states in retirement; he will be remembered for his wry  
22 sense of humor and for leaving a legacy of accomplishments;

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2 WHEREAS, Jack Seitz was preceded in death by his siblings,  
3 Barbara and Henry; and

4 WHEREAS, Jack Seitz is survived by his wife, Marilyn; his  
5 children, Janet (Steve Kaufmann) Seitz, Laura (Scott)  
6 Seitz-Pearson, Mary (Tim) Seitz-Pagano, John M. Seitz, Paul  
7 (Linda) Seitz, Ed (Sherrie) Seitz, and Jeanine (Tim) Seitz  
8 Sappenfield; 19 grandchildren and three step-grandchildren;  
9 his brother, Joseph Seitz; and several nieces and nephews;  
10 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 John Edgar "Jack" Seitz, the former Mayor of Des Plaines, and  
14 extend our sincere condolences to his family, friends, and all  
15 who knew and loved him; and be it further

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