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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 Robert R. "Dick" Aitken of Silvis, who passed away on October 11, 2023; and

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WHEREAS, Dick Aitken was born to William and Ruby (English) Aitken in Moline on April 2, 1927; he served in the U.S. Navy aboard the U.S.S. William P. Biddle during World War II; he married Carol Mefford in Springfield on March 5, 1949; and

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WHEREAS, Dick Aitken worked in construction for 43 years, retiring in 1989; and

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WHEREAS, Dick Aitken belonged to Aldersgate United Methodist Church, known today as Riverside UMC; and

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WHEREAS, Dick Aitken and his wife enjoyed fishing and spending time at the family cabin in Conesville, Iowa; he also enjoyed watching the Chicago Cubs and attending their games; and

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WHEREAS, Dick Aitken was preceded in death by his wife; his daughter, Laury Heckenkamp; and his grandson, Kevin Depies; and

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1           WHEREAS, Dick Aitken is survived by his daughter, Kathy  
2           (Jim) Depies; his son-in-law, Michael Heckenkamp; his  
3           grandchildren, Erik Depies and Mitchel (Jennifer) Heckenkamp;  
4           and his great-grandchildren, Jackson Depies, Sam Depies, and  
5           Cullen Heckenkamp; 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           Robert R. "Dick" Aitken and extend our sincere condolences to  
9           his family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it  
10          further

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