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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 James Edward "Jim" Ketchum, formerly of Auburn, who passed away on September 26, 2023; and

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WHEREAS, Jim Ketchum was born in Taylorville to Roy and Maude (Campbell) Ketchum on July 18, 1935; he attended Taylorville High School and graduated from Divernon High School in 1953; he married Wanda Lee Seiders at Divernon Baptist Church on May 29, 1955, and they settled in Auburn, where they lived for 67 years; and

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WHEREAS, Jim Ketchum worked as a lineman for the Rural Electric Convenience Co-Operative immediately after high school, where he was employed for 45 years; during that time, he also served two years in the U.S. Army, stationed in the territory of Hawaii; and

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WHEREAS, Jim Ketchum and Wanda owned and operated the Edgewood Shooting Park, employing dozens of teens over the years; he was also a part-time Shelter insurance agent; and

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WHEREAS, Jim Ketchum was a Master Mason and member of Ark & Anchor Lodge #354 since 1967; he became a noble in the Ansar Shriners in 1979, serving on the Director's Staff and was a

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1 member of the Court 20 Royal Order of Jesters; he was an  
2 accomplished marksman and a state and national trapshooting  
3 champion; he also served as the assistant coach for an  
4 award-winning youth team from the Scholastic Clay Target  
5 Program; he was a hot rod enthusiast and could be seen tooling  
6 around town in his red 1939 Chevy Coupe or his 1978 Corvette  
7 Stingray; and

8 WHEREAS, Jim Ketchum was preceded in death by his parents;  
9 his wife, Wanda; his infant sister, Anna Belle; and his  
10 brother, Roy Eugene "Gene" Jr.; and

11 WHEREAS, Jim Ketchum is survived by his daughters, Becky  
12 (Scott) Wiley, Dee Dee (Kevin) Walsh, and twins, Kris (Andy)  
13 Nothnagel and Kelly (David) Brown; his brother, Bob (Joyce)  
14 Ketchum; his half-brother, Sammy (Janice) Barger; his  
15 stepsister, Sharron (Gardner) Nickel; his brother-in-law, Jim  
16 (Maris) Seiders; his sisters-in-law, Dorothy (Van Giesen)  
17 Seiders and Rita (Janesse) Seiders; his cousin, Irene  
18 (Campbell) Rickman; his granddaughters, Rachel Carlson and  
19 Melanie Brown; his grandsons, Kevin and Christopher Wiley; his  
20 great-granddaughters, Ellia and twins, Noa and Rowyn Wiley;  
21 and many nieces and nephews; therefore, be it

22 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL  
23 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of

1 James Edward "Jim" Ketchum and extend our sincere condolences  
2 to his family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be  
3 it further

4 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
5 presented to the family of Jim Ketchum as an expression of our  
6 deepest sympathy.