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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 Richard "Dick" Henke, who passed away on October 18, 2023; and

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WHEREAS, Dick Henke was born to Bill and Mary Ethel Henke in Moline on May 9, 1932; he graduated from Rock Island High School; he majored in finance and banking at the University of Denver, where he played football and became a member of Sigma Phi Epsilon; he married Elaine Graham in 1953; he served in the U.S. Army and was stationed at Fort Lewis, Washington; and

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WHEREAS, Dick Henke co-founded Pipe Valve and Fitting Co. with Bob Green in 1962; and

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WHEREAS, Dick Henke was a member of the Denver Athletic Club, the Pinehurst Country Club, and Arvada Covenant Church; and

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WHEREAS, Dick Henke was an avid golfer; he and his wife loved to travel, taking trips to Spain, England, France, Eleuthera, and Alaska; they also visited presidential libraries across the U.S.; and

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WHEREAS, Dick Henke was known for his warm and welcoming

1 nature, endearing him to all he encountered; and

2 WHEREAS, Dick Henke was preceded in death by his wife of 66
3 years, Elaine; his son, Mark Stephen Henke; and his brother,
4 Donald Curtis Henke; and

5 WHEREAS, Dick Henke is survived by his grandchildren,
6 Stephen Carlisle, Andrew Carlisle, Alex Carlisle, and Melissa
7 Henke; his daughter, Dana Lyn Carlisle; and his son-in-law,
8 Vance Carlisle; therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL
10 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
11 Richard "Dick" Henke and extend our sincere condolences to his
12 family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it
13 further

14 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
15 presented to the family of Dick Henke as an expression of our
16 deepest sympathy.