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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 Jack "Poppy" Poppenhager of Canton, who passed away on November 19, 2023; and

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WHEREAS, Jack Poppenhager was born to Wayne and Wanda (Howard) Poppenhager in Sumnum on February 23, 1933; he married Joan Derry in Palmyra, Missouri on February 4, 1951; he served in the U.S. Army during the Korean Conflict, receiving an Official Proclamation for being an Ambassador for Peace in 2021; and

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WHEREAS, Jack Poppenhager worked for the International Harvester (IH) Company in Canton, where he was the oldest person ever to go through the IH apprenticeship at the age of 39, retiring in 1983; he also worked as a commercial pilot, a private flight instructor, and as an auxiliary police officer for the Canton Police Department; and

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WHEREAS, Jack Poppenhager enjoyed flying and was a founding member and the first elected president of the International Cessna 120-140 Association; and

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WHEREAS, Jack Poppenhager was named the Canton Police Department Auxiliary Officer of the Year in 2010, 2014, and

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1 2016; and

2 WHEREAS, Jack Poppenhager was preceded in death by his
3 parents and his brother, Roger Poppenhager; and

4 WHEREAS, Jack Poppenhager is survived by his wife; his
5 nieces and nephews, Lyn Pedigo, Amy (Tom) Ingles, and Jim
6 (Trina) Poppenhager; and several great-nieces and
7 great-nephews; therefore, be it

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

13 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
14 presented to the family of Jack Poppenhager as an expression
15 of our deepest sympathy.