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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 Ernest Edwin "Ernie" Michaels of Elk Grove Village, who passed away on December 21, 2023; and

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WHEREAS, Ernie Michaels was born to Edwin and Agnes (Czaja) Michaels in Chicago on January 18, 1930; and

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WHEREAS, Ernie worked as a commissioned driver for PepsiCo for 36 years; and

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WHEREAS, Ernie Michaels loved entertaining people with his banjo, partaking in many parades, senior center gigs, and other events, and he was the leader of the Windy City Jammers, playing with the band every Monday night at many restaurants throughout the years; and

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WHEREAS, Ernie Michaels was a former member of the Elk Grove Village Lions, helping with the organization's Candy Day and participating in its 4th of July celebrations with banjo sing-alongs; and

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WHEREAS, Ernie Michaels enjoyed working out on a stationary bike at the Elk Grove Pavilion; and

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1 WHEREAS, Ernie Michaels was known for always having a kind
2 word for everyone; he will be remembered for being a loving,
3 encouraging husband, a supportive best friend to his son, and
4 a caring grandfather; and

5 WHEREAS, Ernie Michaels was preceded in death by his first
6 wife, Gene (Omernik) Michaels; his daughter, Linda (John)
7 Colonna; his parents; and his siblings, Ralph (Louise)
8 Michaels, Earl Michaels, and Audrey (John) Ward; and

9 WHEREAS, Ernie Michaels is survived by his second wife,
10 Margaret (Lorincz) Michaels; his son, Dale (Susan) Michaels;
11 his grandchildren, Daxton Michaels and Delaney Michaels; and
12 many nieces, nephews, great-nieces, and great-nephews;
13 therefore, be it

14 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL
15 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
16 Ernest Edwin "Ernie" Michaels and extend our sincere
17 condolences to his family, friends, and all who knew and loved
18 him; and be it further

19 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
20 presented to the family of Ernie Michaels as an expression of
21 our deepest sympathy.