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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 H. "Jim" McGrath of Springfield, who passed away on January 24, 2024; and

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WHEREAS, Jim McGrath was born on a farm west of Woodson to William and Ida (Begnel) McGrath on July 13, 1929; he graduated from Routt High School in Jacksonville; he married Virginia K. Hanley on April 29, 1950; and

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WHEREAS, Jim McGrath worked as a truck driver for Amrhein Bakery; he became a member of the Painters Local #90 in 1951 and advanced to the position of business agent, which he held for 38 years; and

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WHEREAS, Jim McGrath served on many boards and commissions, including as president of the Central Illinois Building and Construction Trades Council, chairman of both the Illinois State Painters Welfare Fund and the Illinois Painters State Conference, precinct committeeman for the Sangamon County Democratic Party, trustee of the Springfield Sanitary District, and deputy director for the Illinois Department of Labor; and

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WHEREAS, Jim McGrath was an avid fan of the Chicago Cubs;

1 he enjoyed gardening, betting on the ponies with a special
2 group of friends, and following the stock market and politics;
3 one of his greatest pleasures was spending time with his
4 children; he enjoyed watching his grandchildren participate in
5 sports and other activities and always remembered to make them
6 feel special on their birthdays; and

7 WHEREAS, Jim McGrath was preceded in death by his wife,
8 Virginia; his son, Jack McGrath; his brothers, Gerald "Jake"
9 and Bernie; his sisters, Theresa, Bernice, Cecelia, Aggie, and
10 Rosie; and his son-in-law, Tommy Freeman; and

11 WHEREAS, Jim McGrath is survived by his sons, James
12 (Sonja), Patrick (Michele), Michael (Valerie), Robert
13 (Debbie), Larry (Cathy), and David (Anne); his daughters,
14 Peggy McGrath, MaryJane Miller, and Theresa Freeman; his
15 daughter-in-law, Sam McGrath; 18 grandchildren; several
16 great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews;
17 therefore, be it

18 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL
19 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
20 James H. "Jim" McGrath and extend our sincere condolences to
21 his family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it
22 further

1 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
2 presented to the family of Jim McGrath as an expression of our
3 deepest sympathy.