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1   SENATE RESOLUTION

2   WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate are saddened
3   to learn of the death of Wilber C. "Bud" Hodges Jr. of Coal
4   Valley, who passed away on April 6, 2024; and

5   WHEREAS, Bud Hodges was born to Anna Mae (Bartels) and
6   Wilber C. Hodges Sr. in Kahoka, Missouri on November 1, 1942;
7   he graduated from Kahoka High School in 1960; he then enlisted
8   in the U.S. Navy, serving on the U.S.S. Epperson until he was
9   honorably discharged in 1963; he married Valerie Niclas in
10 Coal Valley on December 10, 1983, and they resided in Coal
11 Valley for the next 40 years and wintered in Florida for many
12 years; and

13   WHEREAS, Bud Hodges spent his career in the engineering
14 field, working as a journeyman tool and die maker and building
15 prototypes for John Deere and other manufacturing companies;
16 and

17   WHEREAS, Bud Hodges was a proud member of the Milan
18 American Legion and an aviation enthusiast, flying planes for
19 over 30 years; he loved gas engines and completing projects
20 with his friends; he also enjoyed fishing; and

21   WHEREAS, Bud Hodges was known for never sitting still and

1   his ability to fix anything; he will be remembered for his

2   fervent patriotism and his willingness to help others; and

3   WHEREAS, Bud Hodges was preceded in death by his parents;

4   and

5   WHEREAS, Bud Hodges is survived by his wife of 40 years,

6   Valerie; their dog, Chester; his sister, Karen (Gary) Diehl;

7   his nephews, Damon and Colin, and their families; and his

8   sister-in-law, Marcia Gallagher; 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   Wilber C. "Bud" Hodges Jr. and extend our sincere condolences

12   to his family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be

13   it further

14   RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be

15   presented to the family of Bud Hodges as an expression of our

16   deepest sympathy.