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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 John F. Downs of Canton, who passed away on April 13, 2024; and

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WHEREAS, John Downs was born to Franklin and Lydia (Johns) Downs in Canton on March 22, 1942; he served in the U.S. Navy Reserve from 1960 to 1966, during which he was in active service from 1962 to 1964; he married Patricia Messer at Shields Chapel Church in Canton on August 20, 1961; and

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WHEREAS, John Downs worked as a heavy equipment operator for Caterpillar, Inc., retiring after 30 years of service; he also worked as a custodian for Canton School District #66 for 10 years; and

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WHEREAS, John Downs was an avid hunter and fisherman; he enjoyed shooting clays, woodworking, and tinkering; and

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WHEREAS, John Downs was preceded in death by his parents; his son, John Downs Jr.; his brother, Thomas Downs; and his sister, Betty Shaw; and

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WHEREAS, John Downs is survived by his wife; his children, Steve (Kelly) Downs and Jennifer (Matt) McKenzie; his

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1 grandchildren, Trey (Kristen) Downs, Allen (Amber) Downs,
2 Mallory (Ian) Foster, Brent Downs, Jason Downs, Lucas
3 McKenzie, and Aaron McKenzie; his great-grandchildren, Owen
4 Downs, Ellie Downs, Charlotte Foster, Ruby Foster, Teddy
5 Foster, and Evelyn Downs; and his sister, Jane (Larry) Wages;
6 therefore, be it

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

12 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
13 presented to the family of John Downs as an expression of our
14 deepest sympathy.