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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 Richard M. "Bud" Caulkins of Colona, who passed away on May 11, 2024; and

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WHEREAS, Richard Caulkins was born in Davenport, Iowa to Russell and Shirley (Strader) Caulkins on August 1, 1947; he served in the U.S. Army during the Vietnam War; he married Elizabeth Hemphill on June 24, 2017; and

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WHEREAS, Richard Caulkins worked for the Rock Island Railroad as a journeyman and worked for John Deere Harvester as a machinist, retiring after 30 years; and

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WHEREAS, Richard Caulkins was past commander for Colona American Legion Post 1233; he coached baseball for both the Colona Little League and for the national association that organizes teams and competitions for adults with visual impairments; he enjoyed hunting, fishing, and watching NASCAR; he was a fan of the Chicago Bears and St. Louis Cardinals; and

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WHEREAS, Richard Caulkins was preceded in death by his parents and his brothers-in-law, Bob Powers and Wallace Snyder; and

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1 WHEREAS, Richard Caulkins is survived by his wife,
2 Elizabeth; his children, Kelly (Michael) Smith, Keith
3 Caulkins, Danel (Julie) Caulkins, Patrick Caulkins, and Shawn
4 (Samantha) Caulkins; his stepsons, Blake Hemphill, Brandon
5 Clong, and Terry Gates Jr.; his grandchildren, Chris, Kristin,
6 Kaitlyn, Bethany, Jordan, Dylan, Dakota, and Leland; 15
7 great-grandchildren; his sisters, Judy Snyder, Nancy (Jerry)
8 Rodgers, and Lana Powers; and his brothers, Don Caulkins,
9 Tommie Caulkins, and Wayne (Jackie) Caulkins; therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL
11 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
12 Richard M. "Bud" Caulkins and extend our sincere condolences
13 to his family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be
14 it further

15 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
16 presented to the family of Richard Caulkins as an expression
17 of our deepest sympathy.