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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Senate of the State of Illinois were saddened to learn of the death of Gordon "Gordy" Kiesgen of Spring Grove on Monday, October 28, 2002; and

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WHEREAS, Mr. Kiesgen was born in Chicago to Gordon and Ruth (nee Culbertson) Kiesgen on January 10, 1936; he graduated from Grant Community High School in 1955; he married Diane (nee Drews) in Waukegan on July 9, 1966; and

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WHEREAS, He was a former employee with Barber Coleman of Lincolnwood and was a member of the Local #597 Pipefitters Union of Chicago; he was a Grant Township official for 46 years; he served as Grant Township Clerk from 1956 to 1992, and left the position to become Grant Township Supervisor; he was instrumental in opening the 1.3 million dollar Grant Township Hall; he was responsible for the inception of and fundraising for the Grant Township Field of Dreams; and

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WHEREAS, Mr. Kiesgen was a member of the Fox Lake Volunteer Fire Department for over 40 years, and served as chaplain; he served as a chaplain and lieutenant with the Fox Lake Rescue Squad; he played Santa for the Rescue Squad Christmas parties and for the Fox Lake Rotary Club's Breakfast with Santa for the past 40 years; and

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WHEREAS, Mr. Kiesgen was a longtime active member and past president of the Grant Township Republicans Club; he was a charter member, founding officer as well as past president of the Chain O'Lakes Ducks Unlimited Chapter; and

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WHEREAS The loss of Mr. Kiesgen will be deeply felt by many, especially his wife, Diane; his children, Deborah "Debbie" (Dan) Carole, Gordon "Gordy" (Nanette) Kiesgen, and Brian (Cheryl) Kiesgen; his grandchildren, Danny and Kalie

1 Carole, Gordon Kiesgen IV, and Benjamin Kiesgen; his brother
2 Jack (Kimber) Kiesgen; his nieces and nephews, Donald (Lisa)
3 Kiesgen, Noreen (Mike) Ribbs, Brenda (Chuck) Fagan, Nicole
4 (Mike) Sprague, and Michael, Neil, and Alex Drews; and many
5 other family members and friends; therefore, be it

6 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-SECOND GENERAL
7 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the loss of
8 Gordon "Gordy" Kiesgen and offer our sincere condolences to
9 his family and friends; and be it further

10 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
11 presented to the family of Gordon "Gordy" Kiesgen.