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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 Fay Michael "Mike" Sullivan of Mattoon, who passed away on April 17, 2025; and

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WHEREAS, Mike Sullivan was born to Charles F. and Mary C. (Holmes) Sullivan in Terre Haute, Indiana on June 15, 1947; he married Linda B. Sims in Mattoon on July 25, 1970; he served as a Navy Seabee in the U.S. Navy during the Vietnam era; he attended Lake Land College, where he served as president of the Student Government and started the annual Spring Carnival; he received his bachelor's degree in agricultural industries from the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign; and

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WHEREAS, Mike Sullivan worked at Consolidated Communications in Mattoon for a number of years; he later took a position as a district manager of direct business sales at Verizon Wireless in central Illinois; he retired as director of the Small Business Development Center at Illinois Eastern Community Colleges; and

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WHEREAS, Mike Sullivan held numerous memberships and affiliations, including serving on the Lake Land College Board of Trustees for 37 years, as a trustee of Illinois Community College, and as a member of the Lake Land College Alumni

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1 Association, Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Post 4325 and
2 Honor Guard, the American Legion, and the Knights of Columbus
3 for 54 years; and

4 WHEREAS, Mike Sullivan had an unwavering commitment to his
5 community, serving as a member of the Mattoon Area Pads
6 Community Organization, the City of Mattoon Housing Committee,
7 the City of Mattoon Planning & Zoning Committee, and the St.
8 Mary's Catholic School Board; for many years, he also served
9 as president of the Humboldt School PTA and as a volunteer
10 firefighter for the Humboldt Township Fire Department; he was
11 a faithful member of the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church
12 in Mattoon, where he was an usher for many years; and

13 WHEREAS, Mike Sullivan, fueled by his passion for
14 veterans, animals, and his community, was instrumental in
15 obtaining the Veterans Memorial at Lake Land College, the
16 restoration of the U.S. Army tank at Peterson Park, and the
17 establishment of the Mattoon Community Dog Park, all in
18 Mattoon; and

19 WHEREAS, Mike Sullivan found his greatest joy in the
20 presence of his loved ones, cherishing both his immediate and
21 extended family; he will be remembered as a pillar of his
22 family and for his spirit of love, family, and community; and

1 WHEREAS, Mike Sullivan was preceded in death by his
2 parents; his brothers, Pat Sullivan, Frank Sullivan, and John
3 Sullivan; his sister, Mary Alice Ames; and his
4 brothers-in-law, Bob Sims, Eddie Sims, Ron Sims, Dick Sims,
5 and Roger Ames; and

6 WHEREAS, Mike Sullivan is survived by his wife of 54
7 years, Linda; his children, Beth L. (Nathan) Weiss and Ben M.
8 Sullivan; his brothers, Tim (Rebecca) Sullivan and Dan
9 (Priscilla) Sullivan; his sisters, Jody (Don) Sniff and Anna
10 (Gary) Cook; one grandchild and two step-grandchildren; his
11 brothers-in-law, Roger (Sami) Sims, Ken (Janette) Sims, Joe
12 Sims, and Bill Sims; and his sisters-in-law, Mary Sims and
13 Johna Sims; therefore, be it

14 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL
15 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
16 Fay Michael "Mike" Sullivan and extend our sincere condolences
17 to his family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be
18 it further

19 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
20 presented to the family of Mike Sullivan as an expression of
21 our deepest sympathy.