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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of Representatives are saddened to learn of the death of Donald "Don" Lee Jacobs of East Moline, who passed away February 21, 2021; and

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WHEREAS, Don Jacobs was born to Oral "Jake" and Caroline "Ma Jake" Jacobs in Moline on October 9, 1931; he graduated from United Township High School; he served as a staff sergeant in Germany during the Korean War; he married Wanda Smith in Moline on May 19, 1951; and

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WHEREAS, Don Jacobs was part owner of J&J Music Co. in Moline; his company offered pinball, pool tables, and jukeboxes to many area thirst aid stations and eateries; and

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WHEREAS, The son of a six-term state representative, Don Jacobs had a long political career; he served as a precinct committeeman, an East Moline alderman for nine years, a Rock Island County auditor for 21 years, and a Rock Island County finance chairman; he retired from Rock Island County at age 85; uniquely suited for public service, he knew how to run a business, understood the workings of politics, and could relate to and work with all, no matter the political party; and

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1 WHEREAS, Don Jacobs was a member of East Moline American
2 Legion Post 227 and VFW Post 2153; and

3 WHEREAS, Don Jacobs enjoyed growing roses; he was
4 refreshingly honest, conscientious, and forever thorough; if
5 you needed help, he provided as much for you as he could; he
6 loved spending time with his family, especially his
7 grandchildren and great-grandchildren; he leaves a legacy of
8 decency, of care and compassion, and of common sense and
9 service and will quite simply be remembered as one of the best;
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11 WHEREAS, Don Jacobs was preceded in death by his parents
12 and his grandson, Josh Jacobs; and

13 WHEREAS, Don Jacobs is survived by his wife of nearly 70
14 years, Wanda; his children, Diana (David) Kelley, Lonnie
15 (Barb) Jacobs, Tamara (Dick) Rogenski, and Lorna (Joe) Moreno;
16 his grandchildren, Shane, Shawna, Jason, Jared, Lindsey, Tara,
17 Keri, Kylie, Anthony, Zachary, Michael, Stefnie, and Ryan; his
18 22 great-grandchildren; his siblings, Gloria Goebel and Denny
19 (Mary Ellen) Jacobs; and his many nieces and nephews;
20 therefore, be it

21 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OR REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
22 HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that

1 we mourn the passing of Donald "Don" Lee Jacobs and extend our
2 sincere condolences to his family, friends, and all who knew
3 and loved him; and be it further

4 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
5 presented to the family of Don Jacobs as an expression of our
6 deepest sympathy.