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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 B.J. Hackler of St. Joseph, who passed away on September 7, 2021; and

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WHEREAS, B.J. Hackler was born to Olen and Frances Hackler in Ridge Farm on January 21, 1938; he graduated from Ridge Farm High School and then graduated from beauty school in Danville; he married Dixie Myers on October 27, 1961; he served as a cryptographer in the U.S. Army; and

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WHEREAS, B.J. Hackler became part owner of the beauty shop in Ridge Farm; he later opened his own shop, B.J.'s Beauty Shop, in St. Joseph in 1964; his career spanned over 60 years; he retired in December 2017; and

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WHEREAS, While working as a beautician in both Ridge Farm and St. Joseph, B.J. Hackler completed training to become a volunteer firefighter; he served as a village board trustee of St. Joseph for 10 years before running for village president/mayor in 1980, and he served in that capacity for 36 years; and

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WHEREAS, B.J. Hackler became active in the Central Illinois Municipal Officials Association, where he served as a

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1 member and then president; he was then appointed to the
2 Illinois Municipal League Board, where he later served as
3 president and past president; he was also appointed to the
4 national EPA committee; and

5 WHEREAS, B.J. Hackler was committed to his faith and was
6 an active member of the St. Joseph United Methodist Church; he
7 volunteered in several organizations, including the church's
8 mission work, the Feed the Need program and Miss Piggy's Pork
9 Palace, and the St. Joseph American Legion Post 634; and

10 WHEREAS, B.J. Hackler had several interests; he was a
11 member of the Champaign Ski Club, and he competed in his first
12 downhill race at age 50; he was an avid fisherman; alongside
13 family and friends, he enjoyed traveling to a number of
14 locations, including Europe, Canada, Mexico, Jamaica, the New
15 England area, the Western U.S., and the Hackler family reunion
16 in Virginia; he also enjoyed collecting Abraham Lincoln
17 pieces, reading Lincoln history, and elephants; he loved
18 parades and most recently enjoyed decorating his golf cart for
19 any event; and

20 WHEREAS, B.J. Hackler loved life and had many friends; he
21 will be remembered as someone who always left others with a
22 smile on their faces for having met him; and

1 WHEREAS, B.J. Hackler was preceded in death by his wife,
2 Dixie; his parents; a brother; his in-laws; and his grandson,
3 Carson Baker; and

4 WHEREAS, B.J. Hackler was the father of Traci Jarvis
5 (Greg) and Tonya Hackler-Bayler (Oscar); the grandfather of
6 Kiersten Jarvis (Jeremy Cantor), Ross Baker (Rosie), Sean
7 Jarvis, and Sydney Meltzer (Daniel); and the great-grandfather
8 of Addie Baker, Clark Baker, Mark Baker, and Ewan Cantor;
9 therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL
11 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
12 B.J. Hackler and extend our sincere condolences to his family,
13 friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it further

14 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
15 presented to the family of B.J. Hackler as an expression of our
16 deepest sympathy.