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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 George John Schlenker of Rock Island, who passed away on September 15, 2021; and

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WHEREAS, George Schlenker was born to Carl and Flora (Boerger) Schlenker in Fort Wayne, Indiana on July 23, 1931; he attended Fort Wayne Public Schools and graduated from Indiana University with a bachelor's degree in 1953; he then attended the University of Iowa Graduate Program and received his master's degree in engineering in 1968; he married Emily C. Diehl in Moline on April 28, 1962, and they divorced in 1993; he served in the U.S. Army; and

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WHEREAS, George Schlenker taught in the graduate school program at Indiana University for one year; he then taught for the Fort Wayne public school system for two years before entering the Army; after being honorably discharged, he was employed as an operations research analyst with the Rock Island Civilian Service for the Department of the Army until his retirement in 1996; and

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WHEREAS, George Schlenker received the Army Civilian Meritorious Service Award from the Department of Defense for his work on guided missile systems; and

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1 WHEREAS, In retirement, George Schlenker pursued a
2 lifelong passion for photography, winning awards for his bird
3 portraits and exhibiting regionally; he also cultivated a
4 passion for the visual arts and Native American history
5 throughout his life; and

6 WHEREAS, George Schlenker is survived by his children,
7 Charles (Sarah Curtis) Schlenker and Lisa Anne (Steve
8 Gillingham) Schlenker; his grandchildren, Benjamin Curtis
9 Johnson and Ethan Curtis Schlenker; his sister, Alice (Paul)
10 Mutschlecner; and his niece and nephews, David, Tim, and
11 Celia; therefore, be it

12 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL
13 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
14 George John Schlenker and extend our sincere condolences to
15 his family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it
16 further

17 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
18 presented to the family of George Schlenker as an expression
19 of our deepest sympathy.