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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 Joel B. Pedigo of Oak Park, who passed away on July 9, 2021 at the age of 85; and

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WHEREAS, Joel Pedigo was born in Smithville, Tennessee to Clarence and Willie Mae, who were both sharecroppers; at the beginning of World War II, the family moved to Akron, Ohio for jobs in the Goodyear rubber factory; and

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WHEREAS, At 17-years-old, Joel Pedigo enlisted in the United States Navy; during the Korean War, he served on the U.S.S. Roanoke; and

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WHEREAS, After his service, Joel Pedigo attended Kent State University, the University of Cincinnati, and Ohio State University; ultimately, he obtained a master's degree in chemistry; and

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WHEREAS, Over the course of his career as a chemist, Joel Pedigo was awarded two patents; he also owned Water Maintenance Services in Willowbrook for 30 years; he ended his career managing Meredith Culligan Water in Forest Park; and

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WHEREAS, Joel Pedigo was a handball, motorcycle, and

1 piloting hobbyist; and

2 WHEREAS, Joel Pedigo's favorite dessert was the "Soakie";
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4 WHEREAS, One of Joel Pedigo's mottos was that "...[Y]ou
5 never give up on family."; and

6 WHEREAS, Joel Pedigo is survived by his children, Brian
7 (Cristina), Tekla (Patrick Barrick), Steve, Tony, and David
8 (Brandi Medina); his former wife, Helen Kossler; and his 11
9 grandchildren; 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 Joel B. Pedigo and extend our sincere condolences to his
13 family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it
14 further

15 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
16 presented to the family of Joel Pedigo as an expression of our
17 deepest sympathy.