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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 Waino Feelis Akkala of Marquette, Michigan, who passed away on April 20, 2022; and

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WHEREAS, Waino Akkala was born to Matt Feelis and Heidi Marie (Joensuu) Akkala in Marquette, Michigan on December 24, 1918; he graduated from Graveraet High School in Marquette in 1938 and took a position as a machinist with Lakeshore, Inc.; he joined the U.S. Navy on May 6, 1943 and was honorably discharged in November 1945; he served as a machinist with the Navy Seabees during World War II and participated in the battles of Leyte, of Luzon, and in the Marshall Islands; he received four stars for the American Theatre of Operations and Asiatic Pacific Theatre of Operations campaign citations, along with two stars for the Philippine Liberation campaign citation; he then returned to Marquette to be reunited with his wife, Olive, and his young daughter, Julie; and

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WHEREAS, Waino Akkala resumed employment as a machinist with Lakeshore, Inc., where he worked with earnest dedication until his retirement in 1983; upon his retirement, he relocated to his farm in Big Bay, Michigan, where he devotedly restored a classic Ford Model A automobile to prime condition; and

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1 WHEREAS, Waino Akkala was a member of the Community
2 Presbyterian Church of Big Bay and the Negaunee VFW; and

3 WHEREAS, Waino Akkala was a talented woodworker who
4 enjoyed carpentry and fishing; he also occasionally played his
5 guitar for the enjoyment of friends and family; he will be
6 remembered for his good, amicable nature; and

7 WHEREAS, Waino Akkala was preceded in death by his wives,
8 Olive and Jane; his daughter, Julie Bartels; and his brothers,
9 John and Walter; and

10 WHEREAS, Waino Akkala is survived by his son, William
11 Akkala; his grandchildren, Julia, Lonnie, Steven, Jacqueline,
12 and Jo Anna; and his five great-grandchildren; therefore, be
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14 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL
15 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
16 Waino Feelis Akkala and extend our sincere condolences to his
17 family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it
18 further

19 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
20 presented to the family of Waino Akkala as an expression of our

1 deepest sympathy.