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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 Earnest Lee Vaughns of Rock Island, who passed away on October 4, 2022; and

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WHEREAS, Earnest Vaughns was born to Elliard "Jack" and Arletha (White) Vaughns in Eudora, Arkansas on February 14, 1951; he grew up in Kenosha, Wisconsin where he graduated from high school; on June 10, 1969, he enlisted in the U.S. Air Force and served until March 1, 1973, when he was honorably discharged and returned to Wisconsin; he married Sandra Smith in St. Louis, Missouri on December 27, 1980; and

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WHEREAS, After his military service, Earnest Vaughns moved to St. Louis, Missouri and began a career with the federal government; after moving to Middletown, Iowa, he worked for the Iowa Army Ammunition Plant; in 1984, he began his employment as a safety specialist at the Rock Island Arsenal, where he worked until his retirement in 2005; and

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WHEREAS, Earnest Vaughns enjoyed fishing, golfing, photography, making videos, and going to the casino and playing the slot machines; and

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WHEREAS, Earnest Vaughns was preceded in death by his

1 parents and his siblings, Willie Gaston and Catherine Lay; and

2 WHEREAS, Earnest Vaughns is survived by his wife of 41
3 years, Sandra; his children, Shondria (Matthew) Brady and
4 Earnest Vaughns II; his grandchildren, Romeo Thomas and Trevor
5 Sims; his siblings, Stella Lucas, Michael Brown, Charles
6 Brown, and Janet Brown-Crockett; and many other relatives and
7 friends; therefore, be it

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

13 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
14 presented to the family of Earnest Vaughns as an expression of
15 our deepest sympathy.