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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 A.J. Wiss III of Pana, who passed away on June 23, 2023; and

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WHEREAS, A.J. Wiss was born to A.J. Wiss Jr. and Betty (Haverfield) Wiss in Pana on July 1, 1946; he graduated from Sacred Heart School in Pana and Pana High School; he received his bachelor's degree in Administration of Justice from Southern Illinois University; he married Sandie Deason in Biloxi, Mississippi on April 8, 1967; he served as a sergeant in the U.S. Air Force from February 1967 through December 1970, where he was stationed in the U.S. and Thailand during the Vietnam era; and

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WHEREAS, A.J. Wiss worked for Western Auto/True Value and opened Wiss Electronics; he was a third generation owner of Pana Iron, and he also owned and operated Byte Size Computers; most recently, he worked as a code enforcement officer for the City of Pana; and

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WHEREAS, A.J. Wiss served on the City Council of Pana for two terms, serving for 12 years; he served as the bicentennial chairman of Pana in 1976; he was also the chairman of the Christian County Republicans; and

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1 WHEREAS, A.J. Wiss was a member of many organizations in
2 Pana, including St. Patrick's Catholic Church, where he was a
3 part of the choir, the Pana Rotary Club, the Pana Lions Club,
4 the Pana VFW, the Pana American Legion, the Pana Knights of
5 Columbus, the Pana Jaycees, the Police Board, the Pana Country
6 Club, the Pana Veterans Honor Guard, the Pana Community
7 Hospital Board, the First National Bank Board, the Pana
8 Industrial Development Corporation, Primetime, and Pana Pride;
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10 WHEREAS, A.J. Wiss enjoyed golfing, telling stories, and
11 being a private pilot; he attended the Land of Lincoln Honor
12 Flight in September 2022; and

13 WHEREAS, A.J. Wiss will be remembered as a sharp-witted
14 husband, father, brother, and friend who loved people; and

15 WHEREAS, A.J. Wiss was preceded in death by his parents
16 and his brother, Dr. Thomas Wiss; and

17 WHEREAS, A.J. Wiss is survived by his wife; his children,
18 Kelley (Dennis) Self and Karen (Steve) Clark; his
19 grandchildren, Chelsea (Sandy Morris) Sasser, Robby (Ruth
20 DeBaise) Sasser, Grace Clark, and Tatum Clark; his
21 great-grandchildren, Rylee, Addison, and Harley; and his

1 sisters, Kay Isacson, Linda Dust, and Janice LaBounty;
2 therefore, be it

3 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL
4 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
5 A.J. Wiss III and extend our sincere condolences to his
6 family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it
7 further

8 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
9 presented to the family of A.J. Wiss as an expression of our
10 deepest sympathy.