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SENATE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate are saddened
3 to learn of the death of John B. "Jack" Klaus Jr. of Des
4 Plaines, who passed away on December 29, 2023; and

5 WHEREAS, Jack Klaus was born in Chicago on July 23, 1939;
6 he was raised in the Back of the Yards neighborhood of Chicago;
7 he served as a first lieutenant in the U.S. Marine Corps; he
8 obtained his bachelor's degree in philosophy and his master's
9 degree in public policy from Loyola University; and

10 WHEREAS, Jack Klaus served as director of Urban Renewal
11 for both the Lincoln Park neighborhood and the City of Iowa
12 City; he served on the Cook County Economic Development Board
13 for many years; he concluded his long career in public service
14 as economic development director for the City of Des Plaines;
15 and

16 WHEREAS, Jack Klaus was a longtime member of St. Mary's
17 Parish; and

18 WHEREAS, Jack Klaus was a loving uncle and friend to many;
19 and

20 WHEREAS, Jack Klaus was preceded in death by his son,

1 John; his parents, John and Mary Klaus; his sister, Virginia
2 Riordan; his brother, Robert; his brothers-in-law, Jim
3 Heffernan, Don Riordan, and Jim Sheridan; and his
4 sister-in-law, Barbara Heffernan; and

5 WHEREAS, Jack Klaus is survived by his wife of 63 years,
6 Mary (Heffernan) Diane; his daughters, Kate (the late Dave
7 Miller) Klaus, Ann (John) Feldkamp, Meg (Dan) McKenna, and Amy
8 (Dave) Palmeri; his grandchildren, Katy (Cody) Rank, Janie
9 (DJ) O'Neill, Erin (Matt) O'Neill, Robert Feldkamp, Grace
10 Feldkamp, Greta Klaus, Louie Klaus, Olivia Feldkamp, Joe
11 McKenna, Matthew McKenna, Molly Palmeri, and Ryan Palmeri; his
12 great-grandson, Nolan O'Neill; his sister, Mary Sheridan; his
13 brother, Charles; and his sisters-in-law, Joan Klaus and Pat
14 Klaus; therefore, be it

15 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL
16 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
17 John B. "Jack" Klaus Jr. and extend our sincere condolences to
18 his family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it
19 further

20 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
21 presented to the family of Jack Klaus as an expression of our
22 deepest sympathy.