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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 Drexel R. Franks of Rock Island, who passed away on February 17, 2024; and

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WHEREAS, Drexel Franks was born in Rock Island on September 29, 1953; he served in the U.S. Navy aboard the USS Kitty Hawk; he married MaryEllen Franks in Rock Island on November 2, 1973; and

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WHEREAS, Drexel Franks worked for Montgomery Escalator, currently Kone, in Moline for 27 years; he retired from Marco in Davenport, Iowa; and

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WHEREAS, Drexel Franks was an avid fan of westerns and country music; he enjoyed going to the Active Day Senior Center in Moline; and

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WHEREAS, Drexel Franks was preceded in death by his wife, MaryEllen, and his son-in-law, Richard Whitcomb; and

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WHEREAS, Drexel Franks is survived by his children, Amy Whitcomb, Sarah (Steve) Rockwell, and Matthew (Jacqueline) Franks; his grandchildren, Kyler (Hanna), Abbi (Adam), Rachel, Kaitlyn, Maddie, Jackson, and Ben; his siblings, Andrea (Tom)

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1 Johnson, Stan (Deanna) Franks, and Cheryl (David) Hardy; his  
2 life-long friend, Dean (Deanna) Snow; and his four-legged  
3 companion, his dog, Duke; therefore, be it

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

9       RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
10 presented to the family of Drexel Franks as an expression of  
11 our deepest sympathy.