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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 Jack Gilbert Swim of Taylor Ridge, who passed away on February 15, 2024; and

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WHEREAS, Jack Swim was born to Harold and Evelyn (Gager) Swim in Cambridge on March 17, 1927; after earning enough credits, he left Rock Island High School before graduation to enlist in the U.S. Navy in December 1944; he served in the Pacific during World War II, building runways on the islands of Saipan, Tinian, and Guam, where he joined his two brothers; upon being discharged from the Navy in 1946, he returned to Rock Island; he married Marilyn Johnson on June 22, 1947; he became a charter graduate from Moline Community College in 1948; he received his Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering from Bradley University; and

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WHEREAS, Jack Swim worked at the Rock Island Arsenal for over 31 years, retiring on January 3, 1986; and

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WHEREAS, Jack Swim loved being a pilot and woodworker, reading about World War II, and telling his grandchildren and great-grandchildren fantasy stories; he enjoyed hosting family and friends in Orr, Minnesota, traveling to any beach destination, and fishing in Sandy Bay, Saskatchewan, Canada;

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2 WHEREAS, Jack Swim was a gifted storyteller and prankster,
3 a respected colleague, a best friend, and a beloved father and
4 father-in-law; he will be remembered for being one-of-a-kind;
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6 WHEREAS, Jack Swim was preceded in death by his parents;
7 his wife; his son, Mike Swim; and his brothers, Harold Swim and
8 Kenny Swim; and

9 WHEREAS, Jack Swim is survived by his children, Carol
10 (Donald) India, Patty (Duane) Tschappat, and Steve (Shannon)
11 Swim; his daughter-in-law, Kathy Swim; his grandchildren,
12 Carolyn (Mike) India-Black, Donald (Regina) India Jr., Ben
13 Swim, Brandon (Jean) India, Jeff (Emily) Swim, Maria Swim,
14 Paul Swim, Dr. Lara (Chris Llop) India, and Deanna (Nick)
15 Collins; and his great-grandchildren, Max, Lucas, Anthony,
16 Sasha, Maya, Adrian, Ember, Olivia, Tyler, Corey, Louis, Milo,
17 Nico, and Violet, with one on the way; therefore, be it

18 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL
19 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
20 Jack Gilbert Swim and extend our sincere condolences to his
21 family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it
22 further

1 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
2 presented to the family of Jack Swim as an expression of our
3 deepest sympathy.