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1 SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate are saddened to learn of the death of Charles Robert "Chuck" McMullen of Quincy, who passed away on February 22, 2024; and

5 WHEREAS, Chuck McMullen, the son of Hazel (Andersen)
6 McMullen, was born in Springfield on November 24, 1936; he
7 attended Lanphier High School before studying electronics at
8 DeVry Institute of Technology; he served in the Illinois
9 National Guard; he married Sherene "Shari" Louise Rueter at
10 Salem Evangelical United Church of Christ in Quincy on August
11 23, 1958; and

WHEREAS, Chuck McMullen worked as a television engineer at WGEM, retiring in 2008 after 48 years of service; during his career, he was noted for his work ethic; and

WHEREAS, Chuck McMullen was an active member of the Elks Club and the Woodworkers Club; he was passionately involved with the Honor Flight organization, carving plaques for over 1,200 veterans who participated in the flights, and he was honored with a flight on June 16, 2022; and

WHEREAS, Chuck McMullen was a skilled craftsman, building his family home with his own hands, and a devoted fan of the

- 1 St. Louis Cardinals and the Chicago Bears; he loved animals
- 2 and spending time with his children and grandchildren; he
- 3 enjoyed visiting the local library, meticulously tending his
- 4 vegetable garden, and grilling unrivaled cheeseburgers on a
- 5 handmade brick grill; he was committed to his faith; after his
- 6 wife's passing, he embarked on a series of adventures,
- 7 fulfilling a bucket list of travel destinations across the
- 8 United States; and
- 9 WHEREAS, Chuck McMullen was a man of intelligence,
- 10 adventure, strength, and warmth who was known for his wise
- 11 counsel; he will be remembered for living his life with
- 12 purpose, love, and service; and
- 13 WHEREAS, Chuck McMullen was preceded in death by his wife
- of 66 years, Shari; his mother; and his brother-in-law,
- 15 William Meyer; and
- 16 WHEREAS, Chuck McMullen is survived by his daughters,
- 17 Terri (Robert) Spegal and Laraine "Lori" (Arlin) Williams; his
- 18 grandchildren, Kristopher Spegal and Ashton Spegal; his
- 19 sister, Charlotte Meyer; and a host of nieces and nephews;
- 20 therefore, be it
- 21 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL
- 22 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of

- 1 Charles Robert "Chuck" McMullen and extend our sincere
- 2 condolences to his family, friends, and all who knew and loved
- 3 him; and be it further
- 4 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
- 5 presented to the family of Chuck McMullen as an expression of
- 6 our deepest sympathy.