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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives are saddened to learn of the death of Gerald
4 "Jerry" R. Vander Meer of Antioch, who passed away on April 20,
5 2023; and

6 WHEREAS, Jerry Vander Meer was born to Bertha (DeYoung)
7 Vander Meer and Robert Vander Meer in Roseland on December 19,
8 1932; he served in the U.S. Army; he married Susan Paarlberg in
9 South Holland on January 17, 1957, and they settled in Antioch
10 to raise their family in 1964; and

11 WHEREAS, Jerry Vander Meer worked as an agency manager for
12 Country Companies for over 30 years; and

13 WHEREAS, Jerry Vander Meer was a very active and loyal
14 member of the Lions Club of Antioch for approximately 60
15 years, and his unrelenting service earned him the Melvin Jones
16 Fellowship Award, the organization's highest international
17 honor; and

18 WHEREAS, Jerry Vander Meer loved fishing, especially in
19 Canada, where he had fished for over 150 weeks in total over
20 the course of his life; and

1 WHEREAS, Jerry Vander Meer was a dedicated, hardworking,
2 selfless, patriotic, and good man; he will be remembered for
3 offering wise advice to his friends and employees and for the
4 love, care, passion, and exemplary leadership he provided to
5 his family; and

6 WHEREAS, Jerry Vander Meer was preceded in death by his
7 parents; his wife; his daughter, Kathleen; and his
8 sisters-in-law, Dale Paarlberg and Linda Paarlberg; and

9 WHEREAS, At the time of his passing, Jerry Vander Meer was
10 survived by his children, Tim (Tina) Vander Meer, Tammy (Lee)
11 Taylor, and Tom (Lisa) Vander Meer; his grandchildren, Tyler
12 (Ellen) Vander Meer, Mary (Dallas) Mathews, Justin (Katie)
13 Vander Meer, Devon Vander Meer, and Zak Gibson; and his
14 great-grandchildren, Beau Mathews, Georgia Mathews, and
15 Jackson Vander Meer; his sister, Jane (Howard) Goldsworthy;
16 his brothers-in-law, John Paarlberg and Robert Paarlberg; and
17 many nieces, nephews, extended family, and friends; therefore,
18 be it

19 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
20 HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
21 we mourn the passing of Gerald "Jerry" R. Vander Meer and
22 extend our sincere condolences to his family, friends, and all
23 who knew and loved him; and be it further

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