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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 Henry  
4 Bernard Geise of Quincy, formerly of Estero, Florida, who  
5 passed away on December 1, 2023; and

6           WHEREAS, Henry Geise was born to Bernard Henry and Violet  
7 Marie (Wabel) Geise in Quincy on April 3, 1936; he attended St.  
8 Boniface Grade School and graduated from Christian Brothers  
9 High School in 1954; he graduated with a degree in accounting  
10 from Quincy College in 1959 and with a Juris Doctor from the  
11 University of Illinois in 1963; he served in the U.S. Army  
12 Reserves and spent six months in active duty at Fort Leonard  
13 Wood, Missouri, receiving an honorable discharge; he married  
14 Jill (Groves) at Quincy College Chapel on August 6, 1960; and

15           WHEREAS, After his college graduation, Henry Geise worked  
16 for Lybrand, Ross Brothers, and Montgomery; after graduating  
17 from Law school, he moved back to Quincy and joined his  
18 father-in-law's law practice, retiring from private practice  
19 after nearly 60 years; he also taught business law classes in  
20 the evenings at Quincy College in his earlier years; in  
21 addition, he was the owner and president of the Maid Rite  
22 Sandwich Shop and the former Maid Rite East Sandwich Shop; and

1           WHEREAS, Henry Geise was appointed as the Quincy City  
2 Attorney, a position he held for many years; he also acted as  
3 the emcee at the Beaux Arts Ball; and

4           WHEREAS, Henry Geise attended Our Lady of Light Catholic  
5 Church in Fort Myers, Florida and the Church of St. Peter in  
6 Quincy; and

7           WHEREAS, Henry Geise had a calm demeanor and a wonderful  
8 sense of humor; he loved the outdoors, spending countless  
9 hours working on projects and fishing at his cabin, golfing,  
10 and playing cards; his family was everything to him, and he  
11 spent much treasured time with them, especially during family  
12 trips to Florida, Colorado, and the Lake of the Ozarks; and

13           WHEREAS, Henry Geise was preceded in death by his parents;  
14 his brothers-in-law, Rich Hilgenbrink and Don Talken; and his  
15 nephew, Mark Talken; and

16           WHEREAS, Henry Geise is survived by his wife; his  
17 children, Michael Geise and Lisa (Brian) Knuffman; his  
18 grandchildren, Taylor (fiance, Payton Welch) Knuffman and  
19 Caiden (significant other, Payten Rice) Geise; his bonus  
20 granddaughter, Destiny Aden; his sisters, Judy Talken, Linda  
21 Hilgenbrink, and Debbie (Robert) Steeples; and his several  
22 nieces and nephews along with their spouses and children;

1 therefore, be it

2       RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE  
3 HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
4 we mourn the passing of Henry Bernard Geise and extend our  
5 sincere condolences to his family, friends, and all who knew  
6 and loved him; and be it further

7       RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
8 presented to the family of Henry Geise as an expression of our  
9 deepest sympathy.