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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 Robert E. "Bob" Jones of Danville, who passed away on February 6, 2024; and

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WHEREAS, Bob Jones was born to Jewell and Julia (Foley) Jones in Danville on November 20, 1938 and was raised by his father and his stepmother, Beulah Jones; he attended Daniel Grade School and graduated from Danville High School in 1956, where he was a varsity letterman and was elected captain of the wrestling team; he attended Danville Junior College and Illinois State University in Normal; he served as a cook in the U.S. Army Reserves for eight years; and

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WHEREAS, Bob Jones obtained his first job at Hall Grocery in 1952; he then worked at Jocko's Root Beer and Putt-Putt Golf; he opened Country Corner Farmer's Market in 1965 and drove a school bus in the off season; he operated Colonial Parkway Restaurant from 1970 to 1995, and he later purchased a Dairy Queen, operating the restaurant for over 40 years; and

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WHEREAS, Bob Jones served as treasurer of the Danville Township Board from 1978 to 1986; he was elected as mayor of Danville in 1986, remaining in office until 2002; and

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1 WHEREAS, Bob Jones served on the Danville Economic
2 Development Board and was instrumental in bringing the McLane,
3 Fiberteq, Alcoa, and Sygma companies to the Danville area; he
4 also served on the Danville Township CRIS Board and the
5 Vermilion County Board of Health; and

6 WHEREAS, Bob Jones was a member of the First Church of
7 Nazarene in Danville; he was active in the Anchor Lodge and
8 became a 33rd Degree Mason in 1987; through the Masonic Lodge,
9 he was instrumental in bringing the Children's Dyslexia Center
10 of Central Illinois to Danville; he was also a member of the
11 Lion's Club for over 50 years, often participating in their
12 chili dinners, and a member of the Kiwanis, where he cooked
13 many pancakes for their annual breakfast; later in life, he
14 officiated high school and collegiate wrestling for 21 years;
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16 WHEREAS, Bob Jones was preceded in death by his parents;
17 his brothers, John Jones and Charles Jones; and his sister,
18 Juanita Holtz; and

19 WHEREAS, Bob Jones is survived by his niece, Terry (John)
20 Kubichan; his nephew, Deak (Debbie) Holtz; his sister-in-law,
21 Charlotte Jones; several great-nieces and great-nephews; and
22 his special friends, Carla Priest, Jeff Sirratt and Jim Pope;
23 therefore, be it

1 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL
2 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
3 Robert E. "Bob" Jones and extend our sincere condolences to
4 his family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it
5 further

6 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
7 presented to the family of Bob Jones as an expression of our
8 deepest sympathy.