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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 Allison "Al" Perring Jr. of Clinton, who passed away on September 27, 2017; and

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WHEREAS, Al Perring was born in Midland City to Allison Sr. and Margaret Cox Perring on August 19, 1931; he married Jean Gehlbach in Waynesville on December 29, 1950; and

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WHEREAS, Al Perring served in the United States Army and was a veteran of the Korean War; after his military service, he returned to Central Illinois and began a life of farming; even though he faced his share of crop losses, machinery breakdowns, and wide fluctuations in market prices, he never questioned his decision, and he never thought of being anything other than a farmer; throughout his career, he maintained a positive attitude and an optimistic outlook on the future of farming; and

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WHEREAS, Al Perring's optimism caught the attention of the Salute to Agriculture Program, and he was a finalist for their Farmer of the Year Award; and

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WHEREAS, Al Perring was active as a community volunteer and leader, which included positions as the DeWitt County

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1 Republican Party Chairman, the Deland Weldon School Board
2 President, and the Nixon Township supervisor; he was a 4-H
3 leader and a Little League coach and official; he was a 33rd
4 degree Mason; and

5 WHEREAS, Al Perring enjoyed discussing politics, family,
6 farming, and Fighting Illini sports; he was a loving husband,
7 father, grandfather, great-grandfather, brother, and friend
8 whose legacy lives on through his family and community; and

9 WHEREAS, Al Perring was preceded in death by his parents;
10 his four brothers; and his sisters; and

11 WHEREAS, Al Perring is survived by his wife of 66 years,
12 Jean; his children, David Perring, Steve (Lee Ann) Perring, and
13 Kathy (Ted) Parge; his six grandchildren; his eight
14 great-grandchildren and one on the way; and his sister-in-law,
15 Phyllis Perring; therefore, be it

16 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDREDTH GENERAL
17 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
18 Allison "Al" Perring Jr. and extend our sincere condolences to
19 his family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it
20 further

21 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be

1 presented to the family of Al Perring as an expression of our
2 deepest sympathy.