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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 John Lee Rayburn of Bondville, who passed away on April 30, 2018; and

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WHEREAS, John Rayburn was born near Bondville to J. W. and Ethel Pfiester Rayburn on November 22, 1921; he married Betty Jean Hammerschmidt in Monticello on November 19, 1944; and

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WHEREAS, John Rayburn farmed in the Bondville area until his retirement in 2004; he raised purebred Hampshire swine for over 60 years; he was swine superintendent at the Champaign County Fair for 25 years and was head of the swine carcass show and sale for 20 years; and

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WHEREAS, John Rayburn served as a Scott Township trustee for 28 years and as a drainage district commissioner; he served as a Trustee for the Bondville United Methodist Church and on various church boards; for the past 60 years, he was either a Bondville Fire Corporation volunteer fireman or a trustee on the board; and

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WHEREAS, John Rayburn was preceded in death by his wife, Betty Jean; and

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1           WHEREAS, John Rayburn is survived by his daughters, Sandra  
2           (Jim) Black and Shirley (Paul) Berbaum; his grandchildren, Gina  
3           Grant, Jamie Black, Joy Black, Tricia Anderson, and Jon  
4           Berbaum;           eighteen           great-grandchildren;           two  
5           great-great-grandchildren; his beloved friend and companion,  
6           Pat Meriedth; and his sister, Mary Wood; therefore, be it

7           RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDREDTH GENERAL  
8           ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of  
9           John Lee Rayburn, and extend our sincere condolences to his  
10          family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it  
11          further

12          RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
13          presented to the family of John Rayburn as an expression of our  
14          deepest sympathy.