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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 Donald E. "Don" Welge of Chester, who passed away on April 16, 2020; and

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WHEREAS, Don Welge was born in St. Louis, Missouri to William H. and Rudelle F. (Fritze) Welge on July 11, 1935; he married Mary Alice Childers at St. John Lutheran Church in Chester on August 4, 1962; he served in the U.S. Army; and

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WHEREAS, Don Welge was the president of Gilster Mary-Lee Corporation in Chester; he was with the company for more than 60 years; and

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WHEREAS, Don Welge served as an adviser for the School of Business at Southern Illinois University of Carbondale and Southeast Missouri State University in Cape Girardeau; he was also an active Louisiana State University alumnae with the School of Agriculture; and

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WHEREAS, Don Welge was a member of St. John Lutheran Church in Chester; he was a director for the Buena Vista National Bank; he was a member of the Chamber of Commerce in Chester, Steeleville, and Perryville; he was passionate in supporting the Boy Scouts for more than 40 years and had been council

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1 president; and

2 WHEREAS, Don Welge was preceded in death by his parents;
3 his brother, Bruce Welge; and his brother-in-law, Wib Saak; and

4 WHEREAS, Don Welge is survived by his wife, Mary Alice
5 Welge; his sons, Robert (Paige) Welge and Thomas (Tracy) Welge;
6 his brother, Mike (Betty) Welge; his sister-in-law, Julia Saak;
7 his grandchildren, Austin Welge, Lauren Welge, Jackson Welge,
8 and William Welge; and his many nieces, nephews, cousins, and
9 friends; therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL
11 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
12 Donald E. "Don" Welge and extend our sincere condolences to his
13 family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it
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15 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
16 presented to the family of Don Welge as an expression of our
17 deepest sympathy.