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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 Royce N. Bates of Milan, who passed away on September 20, 2020; and

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WHEREAS, Royce Bates was born to William and Georgia (Harris) Bates in Conway, Arkansas on August 29, 1951; he served in the U.S. Army; he married Perfecta Eguia in Milan on July 21, 1973; and

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WHEREAS, Royce Bates owned and operated Bates Roofing in Milan for 45 years; he was also the business manager and dean of students for the Bible Missionary Institute for many years; and

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WHEREAS, Royce Bates was a member of Trinity Bible Missionary Church in Milan for 30 years where he served with distinction, locally, on the district level, and for the general church; and

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WHEREAS, Royce Bates was preceded in death by his parents and his sister, Lois Hoof; and

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WHEREAS, Royce Bates is survived by his wife; his children, Gayla (James) Howard, The Reverend Royce (DeAnna) Bates Jr.,

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1 and Leila (The Reverend Aaron) Dowd; his grandchildren, Chad
2 (Kayla), Ashlyn, Neal, Trenton, Brenton, Jenna, Garren,
3 Stewart, Kristen, Carson, Carter, Truitt, Shane, Jason,
4 Lillyana, and Brooke; and his siblings, Rick (Denise) Bates,
5 Randy (Gayle) Bates, and Kayla Bates; therefore, be it

6 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL
7 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
8 Royce N. Bates and extend our sincere condolences to his
9 family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it
10 further

11 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
12 presented to the family of Royce Bates as an expression of our
13 deepest sympathy.