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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 R. Schweighart of Villa Grove, who passed away on February 21, 2017; and

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WHEREAS, John Schweighart was born to Charles and Ida (Mammoser) Schweighart on February 3, 1932 and raised on a farm west of Pesotum; he graduated from Tolono High School, where he was a multi-sport athlete, and married Ruth E. Schumacher at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Pesotum on May 3, 1952; and

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WHEREAS, John Schweighart farmed his entire career; he and his wife resided on a farm west of Pesotum until 1958 when they moved to a farm southeast of Camargo and farmed there until their retirement in 1994 after bringing in 52 harvests; and

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WHEREAS, John Schweighart served Sacred Heart Church in many capacities, including as a Trustee; he was a member of the Villa Grove Rotary, the Knights of Columbus, and the Tri City Country Club; he was a member of the Villa Grove School Board for nine years, six as President; he was on the Villa Grove Farmer's Elevator Board for 12 years, nine as President; he served on the board of directors of the First National Bank, the Villa Grove State Bank, and the Villa Grove State Bank Holding Company, beginning in 1977, retiring in 2015; and

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1 WHEREAS, John Schweighart played fast-pitch softball in
2 his youth, competing at the State level and playing on teams in
3 Champaign, Douglas, and Macon counties; he once struck out 22
4 batters in a 12-inning game; he also coached Little League
5 Baseball and fast-pitch softball; he was an accomplished bridge
6 player and enjoyed sharing his knowledge of the game with
7 others; a recent honor was being inducted as an honorary member
8 of the Villa Grove Alumni Hall of Fame; and

9 WHEREAS, John Schweighart was preceded in death by his
10 parents; his stepmother, Clara Schweighart; and his siblings,
11 Mildred Kleiss, Bernard Schweighart, and Chuck Schweighart;
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13 WHEREAS, John Schweighart is survived by his wife, Ruth;
14 his children, Roger (Karen) Schweighart, Peggy (Bill) Mayer,
15 and Ken (Beneta) Schweighart; his grandchildren, John (Amber)
16 Schweighart, Matthew (Jacque) Schweighart, Michelle Mayer,
17 Greg (Jodi) Schweighart, Eric (Ashley) Schweighart, and Katie
18 (Steve) Peternell; his great-grandchildren, Ella, Will,
19 Caroline, Andrew, Josie, Luke, Henry, and Isabelle; his
20 siblings, Bill (Phyllis) Schweighart, and Bernice Wilhelm; his
21 sister-in-law, Shirley Schweighart; and many nieces and
22 nephews; therefore, be it

1 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDREDTH GENERAL
2 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
3 John R. Schweighart, and extend our sincere condolences to his
4 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 John Schweighart as an expression of
8 our deepest sympathy.