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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 James William "Jim" Powell of White Hall, who passed away on May 9, 2017; and

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WHEREAS, James Powell was born to Fred and Lorraine (Bunting) Powell on May 9, 1942; he was raised in rural Hillview and graduated from White Hall High School in 1960; he graduated from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign in 1964; he married his high school sweetheart, Janet Louise Collins, on August 29, 1964 at the White Hall First Presbyterian Church; he was drafted into the United States Armed Services in 1965 and chose to be a naval aviator; he flew the A-4 Skyhawk, collecting over 100 arrested aircraft carrier landings, and was discharged with the rank of lieutenant; and

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WHEREAS, James Powell was hired as the manager of Hartwell Ranch, Inc. in 1974 and farmed the Illinois River bottoms south of Hillview until his retirement in 2012; and

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WHEREAS, James Powell was an active member of the Greene County community and served on the North Greene School Board and the White Hall Hospital Board; he served as the commissioner of the Hartwell Drainage District and as a Republican precinct committeeman for Hillview; he was also

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1 commander of the Bryant-Thomas American Legion Post 1210 in
2 Hillview and a member of VFW Post 7684 in White Hall; and

3 WHEREAS, James Powell was a fan of the University of
4 Illinois Fighting Illini and attended many football and
5 basketball games over the years; he loved attending his
6 children's and grandchildren's sporting events; he enjoyed the
7 outdoors, hunting, fishing, and observing wildlife in the
8 beautiful rural areas near his hometown of Hillview; and

9 WHEREAS, James Powell was preceded in death by his parents;
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11 WHEREAS, James Powell is survived by his wife of 52 years,
12 Janet; his daughters, Lynn Marie (Steve) Hart and Sarah Beth
13 (Doug) Schmidt; his sons, James Wesley "Jimmy" and John (Angie)
14 William; his grandchildren, Collin James and Katharine Anne
15 "Katie", Molly Elizabeth and Adelaide Mae "Addie", Lucy Lynn,
16 Noah Brennan, August James "Gus", Vincent Frederick, and Julia
17 Marie; his sisters, Sue Ellen (Dwayne) Scott and Jo Ann (Nick)
18 Carmean; and many nieces, nephews, and cousins; therefore, be
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20 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDREDTH GENERAL
21 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
22 James William "Jim" Powell, and extend our sincere condolences

1 to his family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be
2 it further

3 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
4 presented to the family of James Powell as an expression of our
5 deepest sympathy.