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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 Elmer I. Gramley of Kaneville, who passed away on November 26, 2017; and

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WHEREAS, Elmer Gramley was born in Aurora to Ben and Frances (Flanders) Gramley on May 18, 1946; he graduated from Kaneland High School in 1964, where he was a member of the Future Farmers of America and made a name for himself as a trumpet player; he attended Iowa State University, where he studied agricultural science; and

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WHEREAS, Elmer Gramley returned to Kaneville in 1971 and, alongside his older brother Leon, began tilling the land and tending to the livestock on the family farm; he loved to drive his beloved Peterbilt semi, hauling livestock to, and from, many parts of the country; he married Jan Demitriu in Justice on July 25, 1981; and

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WHEREAS, Elmer Gramley was a member of the Kane County Farm Bureau, the National Corn Growers Association, and the National Soybean Association; he served for many years on the Kaneland School Board and was a volunteer fireman for over 30 years, 10 of them as chief; and

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1           WHEREAS, Elmer Gramley always enjoyed having a cold beer in  
2 hand and overlooking a pig roast; he finished the Chicago  
3 Marathon in 2002; he and his wife enjoyed traveling around the  
4 world, taking pictures in front of many of the wonders of the  
5 world; their cruise through the Panama Canal was a personal  
6 favorite; and

7           WHEREAS, Elmer Gramley was preceded in death by his parents  
8 and his brother, Leon Gramley; and

9           WHEREAS, Elmer Gramley is survived by his wife of 36 years,  
10 Jan; his daughter, Sara Gramley; and numerous nephews, nieces,  
11 cousins, and friends; therefore, be it

12           RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDREDTH GENERAL  
13 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of  
14 Elmer I. Gramley, and extend our sincere condolences to his  
15 family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it  
16 further

17           RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
18 presented to the family of Elmer Gramley as an expression of  
19 our deepest sympathy.