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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 State Senator William L. "Bill" O'Daniel of Mount Vernon, who passed away on November 15, 2017; and

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WHEREAS, Senator O'Daniel was born in Union County, Kentucky to Edward H. and Ola Atlanta (Abel) O'Daniel on December 4, 1923; he served as a paratrooper in the United States Army during World War II from 1943 to 1946; he married Norma Hayes on November 10, 1973; and

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WHEREAS, Senator O'Daniel was a longtime farmer and businessman; and

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WHEREAS, Senator O'Daniel served as a member of the Illinois House of Representatives from 1974 to 1977 and in the Illinois Senate from 1984 until 2002; he represented the 54th District and served over two decades in the Illinois General Assembly; during his time in office, he built a solid reputation as one of the foremost authorities on agricultural issues in the State; and

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WHEREAS, Senator O'Daniel was appointed in 1977 by President Jimmy Carter to serve as state executive director of the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service of the

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1 U.S. Department of Agriculture; and

2 WHEREAS, Senator O'Daniel was a member of the Christian
3 faith; and

4 WHEREAS, Senator O'Daniel was preceded in death by his
5 parents; his first wife, Edith Marie O'Daniel; his son, John E.
6 O'Daniel; his great-grandson, Nicholas O'Daniel; and his
7 brothers, H.M. and E.H. O'Daniel; and

8 WHEREAS, Senator O'Daniel is survived by his wife, Norma;
9 his son, Monte D. (Dell) Pearson; his daughters, JoAnne
10 O'Daniel, Linda Sue (Ed) Fisher, and Mary Jane Giles; his
11 brother, Robert N. O'Daniel; eight grandchildren; and 14
12 great-grandchildren; therefore, be it

13 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDREDTH GENERAL
14 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
15 State Senator William L. "Bill" O'Daniel, and extend our
16 sincere condolences to his family, friends, and all who knew
17 and loved him; and be it further

18 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
19 presented to the family of Senator O'Daniel as an expression of
20 our deepest sympathy.