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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 Gary J. Aavang of Greenwood, who passed away on November 22, 2018; and

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WHEREAS, Gary Aavang was born in Woodstock to Rodney and Libbie (Barber) Aavang on December 16, 1956; a lifelong resident of Greenwood Township, he graduated from Woodstock High School in 1975; he attended McHenry County College; he married Michele DeYoung in Woodstock on July 27, 1998; and

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WHEREAS, Gary Aavang was a longtime member of the McHenry County Farm Bureau and the McHenry County Fair Association and, at different times, served on the boards of directors for both organizations; he was a proud past member and current supporter of both the 4-H and FFA organizations; he was passionate about agriculture, and his farmer friends referred to him as the "Secretary of Agriculture"; and

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WHEREAS, Gary Aavang was preceded in death by his father, Rodney Aavang; and

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WHEREAS, Gary Aavang is survived by his wife, Michele; his stepson, Grant (Kate Quinn) DeYoung; his mother, Libbie Aavang; his siblings, Dan (the late Cathy) Aavang, Sarah (Robert Lukes)

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1 Aavang, John Aavang, and JoAnn (David) Lohse; his aunt, Ann  
2 (Barber) Balakier; his nieces and nephews, Rachel (Vassil  
3 Antonov) Aavang, Deanne Aavang, Jessie (Wei Nan) Lin, Brandon  
4 (Julie) Lohse, Josh (Anna) Lohse, Hannah (Chris McKee Jr.)  
5 Lohse, Alyssa (Kevin) Paschke, and Morgan (Daniel) Hayes; his  
6 many cousins; and his beloved dog, Bert; therefore, be it

7       RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDREDTH GENERAL  
8 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of  
9 Gary J. Aavang and extend our sincere condolences to his  
10 family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it  
11 further

12       RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
13 presented to the family of Gary Aavang as an expression of our  
14 deepest sympathy.