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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 Marvin E. Perzee of Ashkum, who passed away on July 17, 2019; and

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WHEREAS, Marvin Perzee was born in Watseka to Nellie (Koets) Perzee on October 9, 1942; he served in the Army Reserves from 1963 until 1969; he married Sharon K. Durst in Danville on September 21, 1979; he and his wife were well known throughout the state for their efforts to promote county fairs, 4-H, and agriculture; he was a fixture of the Iroquois County Fair for more than 50 years; and

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WHEREAS, Marvin Perzee was a member of many professional organizations, where he often served in leadership roles, including the Elks Club, the Moose Club, the American Hampshire Sheep Association, the Farm Bureau, the Iroquois County Extension Youth Council, the Legislative Committee for the Illinois Association of Agricultural Fairs, the Department of Agricultural Advisory Board, the Advisory Board for the Division of Fairs and Horse Racing, the Illinois Association of Agricultural Fairs - Northern District, the State Fair Advisory Board, and the Carnival Safety Board; he was appointed to Attorney General Jim Ryan's Advisory Board; he served on the Board of Directors of the Iroquois County Agricultural and 4-H

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1 Fairs Association, as Vice Chairman of the American National  
2 Red Cross Fund Campaign, and as an Iroquois County Republican  
3 Precinct Committeeman for 29 years and Chairman for 14 years;  
4 he was the leader of the Ashkum Chargers 4-H Club; and

5 WHEREAS, Marvin Perzee received many honors and awards,  
6 including the Outstanding Young Farmer Award from the Illinois  
7 Jaycees, the Iroquois County Extension Council Alumni Award for  
8 distinguished service, the Fairman of the Year Award from the  
9 Department of Agriculture, the Master Farmer Award from Prairie  
10 Farmer, the Lifetime Achievement Award from the Watseka Times  
11 Republic, and the Farm Family of the Year Award from the  
12 Kankakee Daily Journal; he was inducted into the University of  
13 Illinois 4-H Hall of Fame; and

14 WHEREAS, Marvin Perzee was preceded in death by his mother;  
15 his brother, Wendell Perzee; his daughter, Karen Cox; his  
16 grandson, Zachary Rabideau; and his niece, Alana Perzee; and

17 WHEREAS, Marvin Perzee is survived by his wife, Sharon; his  
18 brothers, Merle Perzee and Wayne (Cheryl) Perzee; his daughter,  
19 Kim (Robert) Rabideau; his son-in-law, Kevin Cox; his  
20 grandchildren, Quentin (Christy) Rabideau, Alex and Sean  
21 Rabideau, Jeremy Giles, Cory (Marisa) Giles, and Noah,  
22 Annalise, and Conner Cox; his great-grandchildren, Camden and  
23 Grayson Rabideau, Amina, North, and Ani Rabideau, and Cillian

1 Giles; and his niece and nephews, Chrissy (Kevin) Marose and  
2 Aaron Perzee; therefore, be it

3       RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL  
4 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of  
5 Marvin E. Perzee and extend our sincere condolences to his  
6 family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it  
7 further

8       RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
9 presented to the family of Marvin Perzee as an expression of  
10 our deepest sympathy.