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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 Harry W. Button of Rock Island, who passed away on August 5, 2019; and

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WHEREAS, Harry Button was born to Henry and Elena Button on February 9, 1936; he graduated from Waterloo High School in 1954 and attended Wartburg College; he served in the United States Army from 1958 to 1962 and was married to Dorothy (Nieukirk) Button from 1958 until her passing in 1969; he was married to Kay (Huntington) Button from 1971 until her passing in 1975; and

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WHEREAS, After his military service, Harry Button began working as a morning news personality at KFJB, the local radio station in Marshalltown, Iowa; in 1967, he began a career working with various Chambers of Commerce in the states of Iowa, Illinois, and Ohio; he retired in 1998 and later settled in Jerseyville, until his move to Rock Island in 2018; and

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WHEREAS, Harry Button enjoyed puns, baseball, theater, and choir; he was active in the Lutheran Church throughout his life; he had a lifelong passion for technology and electronics; he enjoyed engaging in debate over religion, politics, and the news of the day; in his retirement in Jerseyville, he served as

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1 treasurer for Resurrection Lutheran Church in Godfrey; and

2 WHEREAS, Harry Button was preceded in death by his first
3 wife, Dorothy; his second wife, Kay; and many friends and
4 family; and

5 WHEREAS, Harry Button is survived by his sisters, Betty
6 (Button) Miller and Ruth (Button) Grau; his children, Doug
7 Button, Michael Button, Julie (Button) Hastings, and Peggy
8 Button; and his grandchildren, Chris Hanson, Matthew Hanson,
9 Deni Parker, Daisy Parker, Dustin Parker, Charlie Button, and
10 Missy Button; therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL
12 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
13 Harry Button and extend our sincere condolences to his family,
14 friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it further

15 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
16 presented to the family of Harry Button as an expression of our
17 deepest sympathy.