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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 Duane L. Swenson of Rock Island, who passed away on September 19, 2019; and

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WHEREAS, Duane Swenson was born in Moline to Carl E. and Jennie (Boom) Swenson on January 31, 1930; when he was eight years old, his mother passed away; when he was 14 years old, his father married Edna Wegge; he graduated from Moline High School in January of 1948; after high school, he studied at Black Hawk College; during the Korean Conflict, he enlisted in the United States Navy and served from 1951 until 1954; he then returned to college and earned his bachelor's degree in marketing from the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign; he married Margaret "Peg" Parsons at the First Congregational Church in Moline on June 25, 1955; and

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WHEREAS, Duane Swenson began his career in production control at KVP, a paper company in Michigan; he and his family returned to the Quad-Cities, where he worked at Deere and Company as an accountant and retired after 25 years of service; he then worked at H & R Block during tax season for ten years; he took great joy in his work as Santa's Helper at Duck Creek Mall during the holiday season; and

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1 WHEREAS, Duane Swenson attended Trinity Lutheran Church
2 and then First Lutheran Church with his wife; he was a
3 dedicated member of the Moline Rotary for 40 years; he and Peg
4 led tours of the Western United States for Rotary Youth
5 Exchange students for 15 years; his proudest accomplishment was
6 receiving the Rotarian of the Year Award; he was a member of
7 the National Association of Accountants and served as
8 secretary, treasurer, and president; he was a member and
9 officer of the Moline After Dinner Club; he sang in several
10 church and civic choirs throughout his life and was in the
11 chorus of the first production season of the Moline Music
12 Guild; and

13 WHEREAS, Duane Swenson was preceded in death by his
14 parents; his brother, Robert Swenson; his son-in-law, James
15 Warren; and his great-grandson, James Swenson; and

16 WHEREAS, Duane Swenson is survived by his wife of over 64
17 years, Margaret "Peg" Swenson; his children, Jennifer Swenson
18 Warren, Andrew (Susan) Swenson, and Thomas Swenson; his sister,
19 Helen Jean Frazier; eight grandchildren; ten
20 great-grandchildren; and many other extended family members
21 and friends; therefore, be it

22 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL
23 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of

1 Duane L. Swenson and extend our sincere condolences to his
2 family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it
3 further

4 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
5 presented to the family of Duane Swenson as an expression of
6 our deepest sympathy.