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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 Donald W. "Don" Bjerke, formerly of East Moline, who passed away on October 15, 2019; and

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WHEREAS, Don Bjerke was born in Rock Island to Elmer and Geraldine (Doerres) Bjerke on June 15, 1943; he graduated from Moline High School and proudly served in the U.S. Army from 1962 to 1965 as a paratrooper with the 82nd Airborne Division; he married Thora Mercer on November 28, 1994; and

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WHEREAS, Don Bjerke retired from John Deere after 23 years; he then worked for the U.S. Army of Defense as Production Manager (Smart Ammunitions) for 20 years; and

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WHEREAS, Don Bjerke was preceded in death by his wife, Thora; and

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WHEREAS, Don Bjerke is survived by his children, Charlene Pfab and Ericka (Robert) Catterton; his stepsons, Mark and Kyle Mercer; his grandchildren, Meaghan Pfab Connolly, Courtney Pfab, Jacob Pfab, Kyle Phillips, and Jenna Phillips; his great-grandchildren, Reagan and Rylee Connolly; and his siblings, Robert (Judy) Bjerke and Nancy (Robert) Yantes; therefore, be it

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1 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL
2 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
3 Donald W. "Don" Bjerke and extend our sincere condolences to
4 his family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it
5 further

6 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
7 presented to the family of Don Bjerke as an expression of our
8 deepest sympathy.