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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 Richard C. "Dick" Johnson of Atlanta, who passed away on October 12, 2020; and

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WHEREAS, Dick Johnson was born in Beason to Carl and Maryetta (Hubbard) Johnson on April 13, 1936; he graduated from Lincoln High School in Lincoln; he married Mary Ellen Watkins on October 26, 1958; he served in the U.S. Marine Reserves for 6 years; and

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WHEREAS, Dick Johnson was a farmer who loved raising chickens and Hereford cattle; he could often be seen driving his van while delivering eggs from The White Feather Farm to businesses and families across 3 counties, feeding or chasing the cattle, checking the crops, or just out for a neighborhood visit; he retired in September after 60 years of doing what he loved; and

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WHEREAS, Dick Johnson lived a full life as a husband, father, mentor, and friend; he will be remembered for his sense of humor, sincere smile, joy for life, and unfailing work ethic; and

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WHEREAS, Dick Johnson was preceded in death by his parents

1 and his brother, Paul Johnson; and

2 WHEREAS, Dick Johnson is survived by his wife; his
3 children, Patricia (Rodney) Backsmeier, Steve (Lori) Johnson,
4 Julie (Steve) Slayton, Kimberly (Brent) Carlock, and Cindy
5 (Darin) Schempp; 13 grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren;
6 his brother, Larry Johnson; and his sister, Connie (Rich)
7 Becker; therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL
9 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
10 Richard C. "Dick" Johnson and extend our sincere condolences to
11 his family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it
12 further

13 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
14 presented to the family of Dick Johnson as an expression of our
15 deepest sympathy.