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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 Dennis "Denny" Powell of Heyworth, who passed away on October 29, 2020; and

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WHEREAS, Denny Powell was born to Eleanore (Barnes) and Donald Powell in Bloomington on September 7, 1942; he graduated from Heyworth High School and served in the Illinois National Guard for 14 years; and

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WHEREAS, Denny Powell farmed his great-grandparents land for most of his life, from the late 1950s to the present; he was a fireman for 56 years with the Randolph Township Fire Department; widely recognized as a leader and innovator, he served 39 of those years as fire chief with a focus on education, training, and development, which continues to this day; and

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WHEREAS, Denny Powell served as the Randolph Township Road Commissioner and as Sexton, Supervisor, and Restoration Developer for the Randolph Township cemeteries; he served on numerous committees, boards, and councils within the township, McLean County, and Illinois; and

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WHEREAS, Denny Powell was a loyal community servant for the

1 majority of his life; in 2013, he was honored as the McLean
2 County Mayors Association Person of the Year for his years of
3 service and for being a key contributor in implementing E911
4 first responder capabilities in rural areas; and

5 WHEREAS, Denny Powell enjoyed all aspects of farming and
6 collected farm tractors and John Deere memorabilia; his farm
7 was the gathering spot for the holidays, harvest time, and the
8 Fourth of July; he respected the American flag and worked to
9 ensure veterans were recognized for their service; he was loyal
10 and generous and had an extraordinarily close family who knew
11 him as "Chief"; he never missed an episode of Gunsmoke or
12 Bonanza, and he saw every John Wayne film, multiple times; and

13 WHEREAS, Denny Powell was preceded in death by his parents;
14 his brother, Terry (Nelda) Powell; and his step-sister, Lois
15 (Marvin) Detloff; and

16 WHEREAS, Denny Powell is survived by his stepsister,
17 Loretta (Wayne) Meece; five nephews; one niece; ten
18 grandnephews; five grandnieces; three great-grandnieces; and
19 two great-grandnephews; therefore, be it

20 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL
21 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
22 Dennis "Denny" Powell and extend our sincere condolences to his

1 family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it
2 further

3 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
4 presented to the family of Denny Powell as an expression of our
5 deepest sympathy.