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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 Merlin S. "Swanee" Swanson of Rock Island, who passed away on January 30, 2021; and

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WHEREAS, Merlin Swanson was born in Creston, Iowa on April 10, 1925; he served in the U.S. Army during the Korean War; he married Marilyn Downs, and they enjoyed 67 years together; and

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WHEREAS, Merlin Swanson worked at and retired as a general foreman of final assembly from the Rock Island Arsenal; he also performed work at the Rock Island Christian Care Center; and

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WHEREAS, Merlin Swanson was an active member of Salem Lutheran Church in Moline and a long term active member of the Christian Motorcyclists Association; and

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WHEREAS, Merlin Swanson traveled and won accolades as an inspirational speaker and as a member of the Quad Cities Toastmasters; and

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WHEREAS, Merlin Swanson was preceded in death by his sisters, Ruth Swanson and Irene Gross, and his brothers, E. Allen and Dean Swanson; and

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1 WHEREAS, Merlin Swanson is survived by his wife, Marilyn;
2 his nephew, David (Judy); his great-nephew, Scott; his
3 great-nieces, Katrina and Jennifer; his great-great-nephew,
4 Graham; and his great-great-niece, Marissa; therefore, be it

5 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL
6 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
7 Merlin S. "Swanee" Swanson and extend our sincere condolences
8 to his family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be
9 it further

10 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
11 presented to the family of Merlin Swanson as an expression of
12 our deepest sympathy.