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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate are saddened to learn of the loss of Otis "Otie" Glen Ruff of rural Streator, who passed away on January 25, 2021; and

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WHEREAS, Otie Ruff was born to Glenn and Bernice (Tinges) Ruff in rural Fairbury on October 20, 1933; he attended the Cornell Grade School and High School and graduated from Long Point High School in 1951; he served in the U.S. Army during the Korean Conflict; he married Marian Vissering on November 29, 1996; and

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WHEREAS, Otie Ruff farmed all his life in the Long Point area and on the Wisconsin state line; he, along with his brothers, started Long Point Grain elevator in 1957; later known as Ruff Brothers Grain, the business now serves 15 central Illinois communities; and

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WHEREAS, Otie Ruff was a member of the Long Point United Methodist Church and the Long Point American Legion; and

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WHEREAS, Otie Ruff had a passion for horses; the Ruff Riders pony and draft horse hitches were staples at many central Illinois horse shows and parades; and

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1 WHEREAS, Otie Russ was preceded in death by his parents
2 and his brother, Dean Ruff; and

3 WHEREAS, Otie Ruff is survived by his wife; his daughters,
4 Cindy (Kevin) Bertsche, Mary Beth (Virll) Voights, and Barbara
5 Ruff; his son, Mark Ruff; his grandchildren, Tim (Mandy)
6 Hogan, Abby (Bick) Hall, Jared (Joelle) Bertsche, Grace and
7 Glen Ruff, and Kyle Voights; his five great-grandchildren; his
8 brothers, Jerry (Janice) Ruff and Keith (JoAnn) Ruff; his
9 sisters-in-law, Arlene (John) Martin and Judy (Jeff) Wahls;
10 and his many nieces and nephews; therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL
12 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
13 Otis "Otie" Glen Ruff and extend our sincere condolences to
14 his family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it
15 further

16 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
17 presented to the family of Otie Ruff as an expression of our
18 deepest sympathy.