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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 Homer Gene Gurtler of Peoria, who passed away on September 5, 2021; and

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WHEREAS, Homer Gurtler was born to Charles F. and Pearl (Anderson) Gurtler in Summerfield, Kansas on October 27, 1924; he married Barbara Bitting at First United Methodist Church in Peoria on July 3, 1954; he graduated from Kansas State University with a degree in Agricultural Engineering; and

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WHEREAS, Homer Gurtler began working for Caterpillar Tractor, Co. in 1953; for many years he was a service representative, first in North Carolina, South Carolina, and Georgia and then in New York State, Vermont, and New Hampshire; he also spent time as a service representative on the Ohio Turnpike and the Saint Lawrence Seaway Project; after returning to Peoria in 1965, he worked in service and marketing; he retired in 1988; and

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WHEREAS, Homer Gurtler delivered Meals on Wheels and drove for the Red Cross; and

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WHEREAS, Homer Gurtler was a long time member of University United Methodist Church in Peoria where he was

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1 usher captain for many years; and

2 WHEREAS, Homer Gurtler loved to travel, play tennis, camp,
3 hike, and garden; he was a member of the Highpointers Club and
4 visited the high points of 41 states; and

5 WHEREAS, Homer Gurtler was preceded in death by his
6 parents; his sisters, Virginia (Robert) Loebeck and Mildred
7 (Eugene) Moseley; and his brother, Charles (Pat Brainard) A.
8 Gurtler; and

9 WHEREAS, Homer Gurtler is survived by his wife; his
10 daughter, Karen (Pete) May; his son, Gary Gurtler; his
11 granddaughter, Julie (Riley McNutt) May; his grandson, Zachary
12 (Laura Lenius) May; his great-granddaughter, Kennedy Marie
13 May; and his several nieces and nephews; therefore, be it

14 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL
15 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
16 Homer Gene Gurtler and extend our sincere condolences to his
17 family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it
18 further

19 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
20 presented to the family of Homer Gurtler as an expression of
21 our deepest sympathy.