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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 Melvin John "Mel" Rullman of Moline, who passed away on October 24, 2021; and

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WHEREAS, Mel Rullman was born to Harry and Alma (Benning) Rullman in Aurora, Indiana on June 9, 1933; he graduated from Aurora High School; he attended Valparaiso University before he served in the U.S. Army in Germany for two years; after returning from service, he graduated from Valparaiso University; he married Arline Sprague in 1957, and they raised three children together; he obtained his master's degree in Education from Indiana University; he married Judy Brooks in 1990; and

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WHEREAS, Mel Rullman began his career in education as a teacher and school principal in Lake Zurich; he served as superintendent of schools in Grant, Michigan from 1967 to 1974; he served as superintendent in East Jordan, Michigan from 1974 to 1981; he retired early to turn his part-time farming hobby into his full-time occupation; and

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WHEREAS, Mel Rullman's career was marked by a number of accomplishments; he led the Twin Valley School District through a demerger to assure both cities, East Jordan and

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1 Boyne City, could thrive educationally; he led the campaign
2 for a bond millage to build a new high school and end split
3 session scheduling, which successfully passed; he developed a
4 new vocational education program; he was also recognized by
5 the American Legion and U.S. Army General William C.
6 Westmoreland for instituting a notable Veterans Day
7 educational program; and

8 WHEREAS, Melvin Rullman was a member of Trinity Lutheran
9 Church; alongside his wife, Judy, he served the community
10 through Habitat for Humanity by volunteering in Quad Cities
11 ReStore and traveling with Habitat Builds Worldwide; he was
12 honored to be an Eagle Scout; and

13 WHEREAS, Melvin Rullman was known for possessing an
14 uncommon sense of duty and being proud of the family that he
15 raised, loved, and encouraged; at his core, he was an
16 outdoorsman and craftsman; he loved spending time in farm
17 fields, canoeing waterways, walking in the woods, admiring
18 wildlife, and vacationing with family and friends at the log
19 home he built on Lake Michigan in the Upper Peninsula; and

20 WHEREAS, Mel Rullman was preceded in death by his parents;
21 his sister, Phyllis; and his brother, Millard; and

22 WHEREAS, Mel Rullman is survived by his wife, Judy; his

1 son, Brad (Tami); his daughter, Brenda (Jim) Julovich; his
2 son, Loren (Allison); his stepdaughter, Kristin (James)
3 Keller; his stepson, Craig Brooks; his grandchildren, Sam
4 Julovich, Sarah Julovich, Cailey Rullman, Miranda Rullman,
5 Zachary Stolbom, Ashely (Nolan) Vardinakis, Gregory Biggs, and
6 Stephanie Biggs; his brothers, Roger (Patty) Rullman and Roy
7 (Linda) Rullman; his sister, Joyce (Gordon) Rich; his
8 sister-in-law, Katherine (Jon) Lundvall; and his numerous
9 nieces and nephews; therefore, be it

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

15 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
16 presented to the family of Melvin Rullman as an expression of
17 our deepest sympathy.