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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 Richard L. Black of Hillsdale, who passed away on February 4, 2022; and

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WHEREAS, Richard Black was born in Hillsdale to Clarence and Bertha (Heeren) Black on March 28, 1943; he was the only member of the family that was born in a house with electricity and attended a one-room schoolhouse as a child; he was in the first graduating class from the combined Riverdale school district in 1961; and

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WHEREAS, Richard Black was drafted into the U.S. Army and served near Seoul, Korea as a cook; he was honorably discharged in 1968 and returned to Hillsdale; while stationed overseas, he married his first wife, Lynda "Chong Cha" Pak; after her passing in 1973, he married Lois Ann Smith in 1976; and

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WHEREAS, Richard Black worked for AMETEK in East Moline, before joining John Deere; during his John Deere years, he worked at the Parts Distribution Center in Milan and Seeding in Moline; and

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WHEREAS, Richard Black enjoyed hunting with a gun during

1 his younger years and then, as an adult, developed a love for
2 using a bow and arrow to hunt deer and other big game; in the
3 1970s and 1980s, he ran a home-based business called Black's
4 Archery; he also started the Rock River Bowhunters Club in
5 Port Byron; and

6 WHEREAS, In his retirement years, Richard Black became
7 known throughout the community due to his passion for
8 restoring vintage bicycles and antique tractors; he was a
9 lifelong fan of football and played in high school and enjoyed
10 watching NFL games; he enjoyed drives around the countryside
11 to check for deer or to see if the water was up or down on any
12 of the local rivers; and

13 WHEREAS, Richard Black was preceded in death by his first
14 wife, Lynda "Chong Cha" Pak; his parents; and his brothers,
15 Bill and Ralph; and

16 WHEREAS, Richard Black is survived by his wife, Lois; his
17 daughter, Diane Black; his son, Michael Black; his
18 stepdaughter, Stacie (Jeremy) Baker; three grandchildren and
19 two great-grandchildren; his brother, Charles (Patt) Black;
20 his sister-in-law, Lois Black; and several nieces and nephews;
21 therefore, be it

22 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL

1 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
2 Richard L. Black and extend our sincere condolences to his
3 family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it
4 further

5 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
6 presented to the family of Richard Black as an expression of
7 our deepest sympathy.