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SENATE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate are saddened
3 to learn of the death of Ronald L. "Ron" Paaske of Hillsdale,
4 who passed away on December 3, 2021; and

5 WHEREAS, Ron Paaske was born in Davenport, Iowa to Alvin
6 and Eleanor (Musal) Paaske on February 22, 1939; he served in
7 the U.S. Army from 1962 to 1964 during the Cuban Missile
8 Crisis; he married Sally Kay Wiesen in Bettendorf, Iowa on
9 January 5, 1963; and

10 WHEREAS, Ron Paaske worked in real estate for Ruhl and
11 Ruhl from 1970 to 1988; and

12 WHEREAS, Ron Paaske was also a devoted dairy farmer
13 throughout his life, raising some of the best Brown Swiss
14 dairy cattle in the area; he served as the president of the
15 Iowa State Brown Swiss Association from 1971 to 1972 and was
16 the national director of the Brown Swiss Association from 2003
17 to 2009; he received the prestigious A.C. Whitie Award in 2006
18 and received the Herdsman Award 27 times; he traveled to
19 attend state shows in Iowa, Illinois, and Texas, as well as the
20 Southwest National Brown Swiss Show in Texas and the Southeast
21 National Brown Swiss Show in Kentucky; he attended numerous
22 National Brown Swiss Conventions, the World Dairy Expo in

1 Madison, Wisconsin, the North American Livestock Show in
2 Columbus, Ohio, and the National Cattle Congress in Waterloo,
3 Iowa; he even exported some of his cattle to Brazil, Costa
4 Rica, Columbia, and Ecuador; he hired and mentored many
5 Riverdale and Erie students over the years and taught them a
6 work ethic that would serve them well in life; and

7 WHEREAS, Ron Paaske was 50-year member of the Masons and
8 was a member of the Mohassan Grotto and the Kaaba Shrine; and

9 WHEREAS, Ron Paaske was preceded in death by his wife,
10 Sally; his parents; his brother, Herb Paaske; and his
11 sisters-in-law, Corrine, Joyce, Susan, and Sally; and

12 WHEREAS, Ron Paaske is survived by his daughter, Joni
13 Paaske; his girlfriend and cattle partner, Brenda Besse; his
14 brothers, Frank (Cathy) Paaske, Larry Paaske, and Dennis
15 Paaske; and his Blue Heeler, Maxx; therefore, be it

16 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL
17 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
18 Ronald L. "Ron" Paaske and extend our sincere condolences to
19 his family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it
20 further

21 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be

1 presented to the family of Ron Paaske as an expression of our
2 deepest sympathy.