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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 John I. Gifford of Rock Island, who passed away on October 3, 2022; and

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WHEREAS, John Gifford was born to John J. and Carrie (McAdam) Gifford in Lockport, New York on July 23, 1930; he earned his Bachelor of Science in 1952 and his Master of Science in 1956, both from Purdue University; he served as a first lieutenant in the U.S. Army from 1952 to 1954, and he served in Korea; he married Sara "Jane" Bauer in Chicago on January 28, 1955; and

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WHEREAS, John Gifford worked as an economist and manager of Data Services in the Market Economics Department of the John Deere Company; he retired after 39 and a half years of service; and

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WHEREAS, John Gifford was active in the American Agricultural Economist Association, the National Association of Business Economists, the Equipment Manufacturers Association, the Farm and Industrial Equipment Institute, the Construction Industry Manufacturers Association, the Outdoor Power Equipment Institute, the Engine Manufacturers Association, the International Farm Tractor Committee, and the

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1 International Harvesting Equipment Committee, where he served
2 as chairman from 1994 to 1995; and

3 WHEREAS, John Gifford received leadership recognition from
4 the Equipment Manufacturers Institute; and

5 WHEREAS, John Gifford served on the board of directors of
6 the Rock Island Easter Seals Foundation and was active in Rock
7 Island Little League and Babe Ruth Baseball; he was an avid
8 reader; he loved jazz and classic music and collecting coins;
9 he was devoted to his family; and

10 WHEREAS, John Gifford was preceded in death by his
11 parents; and

12 WHEREAS, John Gifford is survived by his wife, Jane
13 Gifford; his sons, John and James (Nicole) Gifford; and his
14 grandson, Giancarlo Gifford; therefore, be it

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

20 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be

1 presented to the family of John Gifford as an expression of our
2 deepest sympathy.