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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 Donald E. "Donnie" Blakeman of Taylorville, who passed away on March 15, 2023; and

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WHEREAS, Donnie Blakeman was born in May Township to Wilbur and Mabel (Moomey) Blakeman on October 13, 1934; he served in the U.S. Air Force; he married Mary Agnes DeMichael in Holy Trinity Catholic Church in Stonington on June 27, 1959; and

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WHEREAS, Donnie Blakeman worked for Caterpillar for many years, and after retirement, he worked for several area farmers; and

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WHEREAS, Donnie Blakeman was active with Stonington American Legion Post 257, where he served as adjutant for many years; he served his community in a number of other ways, including as president of the board for Stonington area schools and with the Stonington Village Board and the Stonington Fire Department; he was also an active member of Holy Trinity Catholic Church; and

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WHEREAS, Donnie Blakeman played softball for several years and, along with his brother Leroy, umpired games for 20 years;

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1 he was a fan of the St. Louis Cardinals and enjoyed playing
2 cards with his friends at the American Legion and watching the
3 Game Show Network; he never passed up a bowl of ice cream, and
4 more than anything, he loved spending time with his family,
5 especially his grandchildren; and

6 WHEREAS, Donnie Blakeman was preceded in death by his wife
7 of 60 years, Mary; his daughter, Margaret; his parents; four
8 brothers; and four sisters; and

9 WHEREAS, Donnie Blakeman is survived by his children, John
10 F. (Shannon) Blakeman, Joseph Blakeman, Michael (Denise)
11 Blakeman, Daniel Blakeman, Thomas Blakeman, and Mary "Missy"
12 (Todd) Wemhoener; his grandchildren, Lauren Blakeman, John R.
13 Blakeman, Katie Wemhoener, Dustin Blome, Aaron Blome, and
14 Ashley Kochniarczyk; several great-grandchildren; his sister,
15 Marilyn Wattlelet; and several nieces, nephews, and cousins;
16 therefore, be it

17 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL
18 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
19 Donald E. "Donnie" Blakeman and extend our sincere condolences
20 to his family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be
21 it further

22 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be

1 presented to the family of Donnie Blakeman as an expression of
2 our deepest sympathy.