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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 Gale D. Beekman of Ipava, who passed away on March 12, 2023; and

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WHEREAS, Gale Beekman was born to Willis F. and Marjorie L. (Thompson) Beekman in Ipava on December 23, 1946; he served as a specialist 4 in the U.S. Army and was stationed stateside during the Vietnam War; he married Annie Stambaugh in Canton on August 7, 2004; and

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WHEREAS, Gale Beekman began his professional career working at Fiat-Allis in Bluff City before working as a salesman for Moorman Feed; he then began his insurance career, becoming an agent for Country Companies; he later became owner and operator of the Insurance Center in Havana for over 30 years; he also assisted in the auctioneer business with his son, Chad; and

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WHEREAS, Gale Beekman was a member of the Masonic Lodge in Havana and Astoria American Legion Post #25, where he was a past commander; he was a member of Sumnum Christian Church, where he also served on the church board; and

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WHEREAS, Gale Beekman enjoyed gardening, golfing, fishing,

1 camping, hunting mushrooms, and caring for his farm; he also
2 enjoyed traveling, both in the United States and abroad; he
3 was an avid horseman, training and trail riding his Tennessee
4 Walkers; and

5 WHEREAS, Gale Beekman is survived by his wife; his
6 children, Stacey (Richard) Meehan, Brad (Bambi) Beekman, Chad
7 (Heather) Beekman, Kelly (Tom) Carlock, and Rachel (Clint)
8 Laethem; his grandchildren, Zeke (Lauren Krohe) Meehan, Zeb
9 Meehan, Macey (Lucas) Utter, Gage (Alex Silvola) Beekman,
10 Bailey Cale, Broc Beekman, Brynlee Beekman, Cade Beekman, Clay
11 Beekman, Cole Beekman, Lexi (Michael Curry) Carlock, Gabe
12 Carlock, Belle Carlock, Ella Laethem, and Evelyn Laethem; his
13 great-grandsons, Nash and Crew Utter; and his siblings, Karen
14 (Scott) Tippey and Donald (and Debra) Beekman; therefore, be
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16 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL
17 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
18 Gale D. Beekman and extend our sincere condolences to his
19 family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it
20 further

21 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
22 presented to the family of Gale Beekman as an expression of our
23 deepest sympathy.