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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 Roger Lewis Ferguson, who passed away surrounded on June 9, 2023; and

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WHEREAS, Roger Ferguson was born to Vewen and Laura (Baker) Ferguson in Piper City on April 30, 1931; he lived for several years with his grandparents, Calvin and Lola Belle, and 10 aunts and uncles; he graduated from Chenoa High School; he married Norma Delores Eisele in Flanagan on September 3, 1950; he served as an aircraft mechanic in the U.S. Air Force during the Korean War; and

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WHEREAS, Roger Ferguson and Delores moved to Campus to farm and raise dairy cows and hogs after his discharge from the military; he farmed for over 40 years and then began a second career in professional photography; he was a member of the Illinois Photographer Association and won several awards for his portraits; he was recognized by the Burrell Printing Company for photography, and his photo was selected as the cover for a brochure widely distributed throughout the U.S.; and

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WHEREAS, Roger Ferguson was elected road commissioner of

1 Broughton Township and served for 16 years; he also served as  
2 clerk of the Village of Emington for six years; and

3 WHEREAS, Roger Ferguson married Constance "Connie" Bland  
4 in Urbana on October 10, 1992; and

5 WHEREAS, Roger Ferguson was a member of the American  
6 Legion; he proudly served as president of the Senior Advisory  
7 Board for Champaign County; he was a member of United  
8 Congregational Church in Emington and Friendship Lutheran  
9 Church of Joy; and

10 WHEREAS, Roger Ferguson was known for his quiet sense of  
11 humor and easy smile; and

12 WHEREAS, Roger Ferguson was preceded in death by his  
13 parents; his wife, Norma; his brother, Howard Ferguson; his  
14 son-in-law, John Buttitta Jr.; and his grandson, Zachary  
15 Pound; and

16 WHEREAS, Roger Ferguson is survived by his wife, Connie;  
17 his children, Kathie (James) Pound, Thomas (Tiffany) Ferguson,  
18 Shannon (Bob) Graulich, Brian Mulcahy, and Darin (Lisa)  
19 Mulcahy; his grandchildren, Andrea Buttitta, Karin (Andrew)  
20 Stueland, Timothy (Hope) Buttitta, Kelsey Vansandt, Connor  
21 (Becca) Ferguson, Gabrielle Cinotto, Gianna Savarino, Madeline

1 Pound, Kathleen Graulich, Allyson Graulich, Matthew Graulich,  
2 Kendal Mulcahy, Braden Mulcahy, Felicia King, and Cameron  
3 Randa; his great-grandchildren, Kinsley Vansandt, Cash Walker,  
4 Beau Ferguson, Jacob Clark, Devin Stueland, Quinn Kathleen  
5 Shockley, Joseph Buttitta, and Thomas Buttitta; and his  
6 brother, Robert Ferguson; therefore, be it

7       RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL  
8 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of  
9 Roger Lewis Ferguson and extend our sincere condolences to his  
10 family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it  
11 further

12       RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
13 presented to the family of Roger Ferguson as an expression of  
14 our deepest sympathy.