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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 Merwin W. "Mert" Klawonn of rural Cambridge, who passed away on August 18, 2023; and

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WHEREAS, Merwin Klawonn was born in Moline to Ivan W. and LaVanna (Stender) Klawonn on August 10, 1947; he was raised and educated in Cambridge and graduated from Cambridge High School in 1965; he attended electronics school in Des Moines, Iowa; he served in the U.S. Army; he married Jacquelyn "Jacki" Clark in Cambridge on June 5, 1976; and

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WHEREAS, Merwin Klawonn farmed in the Cambridge area for his entire life until retiring in 2009; he served as the sexton of the Andover Township Cemetery for 26 years, retiring in 2022; and

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WHEREAS, Merwin Klawonn's memberships included Andover American Legion Post #465 and the National Farmers Organization; and

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WHEREAS, Merwin Klawonn was preceded in death by his wife, Jacki; his parents; and his brother, Veryl Klawonn; and

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WHEREAS, Merwin Klawonn is survived by his son and

1 daughter-in-law, Jonathan and Kelsey Klawonn; his brother,  
2 Gaylen Klawonn; and nieces, nephews, and a special cousin,  
3 Gary Klawonn; therefore, be it

4       RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL  
5 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of  
6 Merwin W. "Mert" Klawonn and extend our sincere condolences to  
7 his family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it  
8 further

9       RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
10 presented to the family of Merwin Klawonn as an expression of  
11 our deepest sympathy.