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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 Olin U. Cowser of Woodhull, who passed away on September 5, 2023; and

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WHEREAS, Olin Cowser was born to John and Goldie (Hedricks) Cowser in Marceline, Missouri on February 15, 1925; after graduation, he moved to the Alpha area, where he did farm work; he enlisted in the U.S. Army in 1944 and joined the 82nd Airborne as a paratrooper, where he completed numerous jumps; he married Elnora Carlson in Keytesville, Missouri on December 29, 1944; three days later, he was deployed to Europe; and

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WHEREAS, Upon his return from the war, Olin Cowser joined with Clyde Parker in the heavy equipment excavating business, later becoming Cowser Construction; he owned and operated his business for over 50 years before stepping down from his bulldozer; in retirement, he enjoyed mowing every yard between his home and the highway; and

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WHEREAS, Olin Cowser was a member of United Church of Woodhull; and

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WHEREAS, Olin Cowser enjoyed attending family gatherings, spending time with his many friends over coffee or cards,

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1 eating his wife's wonderful cooking, and attending athletic  
2 events of his children, grandchildren, and  
3 great-grandchildren; he also enjoyed hot, sunny days and  
4 chocolate pie; and

5 WHEREAS, Olin Cowser was preceded in death by his wife of  
6 77 years, Elnora; his parents; and his siblings, Charles,  
7 Richard, Lucille, and Lurene; and

8 WHEREAS, Olin Cowser is survived by his daughter, Barbara  
9 (Bill) Callanan; his sons, Daniel (Kathleen) Cowser, Jim  
10 (Vanya) Cowser, and Larry Cowser; his grandchildren, Ali,  
11 Ryan, Joshua, Deja, Bree, Kendra, Kassi, and Michael; his  
12 great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews;  
13 therefore, be it

14 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL  
15 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of  
16 Olin U. Cowser and extend our sincere condolences to his  
17 family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it  
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19 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
20 presented to the family of Olin Cowser as an expression of our  
21 deepest sympathy.