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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 Gary E. Cooper Sr. of Aledo, who passed away on November 6, 2023; and

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WHEREAS, Gary Cooper was born in Moline to Clair and Mary Bonyngue Cooper on November 30, 1932; he graduated from Aledo High School in 1950; he served in the United States Army and was stationed in Germany; he married Leota Bogart at the Presbyterian Church in Millersburg on June 1, 1958; and

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WHEREAS, Gary Cooper worked at Olsen Lumber Yard in Aledo, the Brickyard in Shell City, the Taylor Ridge Elevator, and Farmers Grain and Coal in Aledo, where he retired after 27 years; and

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WHEREAS, Gary Cooper was a charter member at the New Life Assembly of God Church, where he served in many capacities; he was also a member of the Mercer County Farm Bureau; and

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WHEREAS, Gary Cooper enjoyed gardening, doing yard work, latch hooking, jigsaw puzzles, word searches, and spoiling his grandkids; he also loved going to his son's dairy farm in Wisconsin; and

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1           WHEREAS, Gary Cooper was preceded in death by his parents;  
2 his great-granddaughter, Terra Alexander; his son-in-law,  
3 Michael Bertelsen; his mother and father-in-law, Cecil and  
4 Helen Bogart; and his brothers-in-law, Keith and David Bogart;  
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6           WHEREAS, Gary Cooper is survived by his wife, Leota; his  
7 son, Gary E. (Julie) Cooper Jr.; his daughter, Karen  
8 Bertelsen; his grandchildren, Brooke Cooper, Morgan Cooper,  
9 Dale (Amanda) Biddle, Cheryl Baker, Michelle (Adam) Carle, and  
10 Sarah Gilmour; his step-grandchildren, Derek (Nelson  
11 Capetillo) Bertelsen and Jackie (Kyle) Leng; his  
12 great-grandchildren, Alexandra, Dillon, Payton, Kourtney, Eve,  
13 Tyler, Bella, Mary, Maria, and Lucy; his  
14 step-great-grandchild, Lynnox; his brothers-in-law, Wilbur  
15 (Charlotte) Bogart and James (Linda) Bogart; his  
16 sister-in-law, Elouise Larson; and many nieces and nephews;  
17 therefore, be it

18           RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL  
19 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of  
20 Gary E. Cooper Sr. and extend our sincere condolences to his  
21 family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it  
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23           RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be

1 presented to the family of Gary Cooper as an expression of our  
2 deepest sympathy..