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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 Merrill Davis of Moline, who passed away on December 20, 2023; and

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WHEREAS, Merrill Davis was born to Harold and Margaret Davis in Ottumwa, Iowa on August 10, 1927; he attended Iowa Wesleyan; he served as a paratrooper with the 11th Airborne in the Asia-Pacific area during World War II; he married Carol Jeanne Davis, and they were inseparable for 62 years until her death in 2018; and

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WHEREAS, Merrill Davis worked for Deere & Co. for 36 years and then started M.Davis Inc, which is now run by his son-in-law and grandson; and

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WHEREAS, Merrill Davis loved flying, shooting, and boating; he was a generous, loving son, husband, father, and grandfather; his dedication to his children and love for his family was unmatched; and

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WHEREAS, Merrill Davis was preceded in death by his parents; his brother, Max Davis; and his wife; and

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WHEREAS, Merrill Davis is survived by his daughters, Cindy

1 Davis and Dori (Steven) Wauer, and his grandchildren, Tom
2 (fiancée, Andrea Deering) Wauer, and Rachael (AJ) Ash;
3 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 Merrill Davis and extend our sincere condolences to his
7 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 Merril Davis as an expression of our
11 deepest sympathy.