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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 Paul Eugene DeGroot of St. Anne, who passed away on December 19, 2023; and

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WHEREAS, Paul DeGroot was born to Donna and Virgil DeGroot in Kankakee on August 23, 1958; and

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WHEREAS, Paul DeGroot was a vegetable and grain farmer for over 50 years, working alongside his brother and business partner, Jim, and his three sons, Andrew, Adam, and Aaron, on their family farm in the unincorporated Wichert area north of St. Anne; and

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WHEREAS, Paul DeGroot loved his community and studying his family heritage; he was an avid sportsman and outdoorsman who enjoyed hunting, fishing, and shooting sporting clays across North America with his sons and friends; and

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WHEREAS, Paul DeGroot went by many nicknames, including "Papa", "Paulie", and "Pablo;" he will be remembered for his fun and colorful personality; and

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WHEREAS, Paul DeGroot was preceded in death by his parents; his brother, James DeGroot; and his mother-in-law and

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1 father-in-law, Noel and Frances Lentz; and

2 WHEREAS, Paul DeGroot was the husband of Cynthia Diana
3 (Lentz) DeGroot for 41 years; the father of Andrew (Jessica)
4 DeGroot, Adam (Jenny) DeGroot, and Aaron (Avery) DeGroot; the
5 grandfather of Lexie, Levi, Logan, Marshall, Eloise, and
6 Juliet DeGroot; the brother of Patricia DeGroot and Paula
7 DeGroot; the brother-in-law of Kathy DeGroot and Debbie
8 Kramer; and the uncle of many nieces and nephews; therefore,
9 be it

10 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL
11 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
12 Paul Eugene DeGroot and extend our sincere condolences to his
13 family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it
14 further

15 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
16 presented to the family of Paul DeGroot as an expression of our
17 deepest sympathy.