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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 Duane W. Strunk of Champaign, who passed away on May 23, 2014; and

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WHEREAS, Duane Strunk was born on August 21, 1939 to William C. and Ruth (nee Wasner) Strunk; he served in the United States Army, attended Bradley University in Peoria, and graduated from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign with a degree in agriculture economics; he married Nancy L. Smith on April 25, 1964; and

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WHEREAS, Duane Strunk was an Illinois licensed general appraiser, farm manager, rural appraiser, and real estate managing broker; he began his career at Commercial National Bank in Peoria and moved to the Champaign National Bank Farm Department in 1976 as department head; in 1985, he opened Strunk & Assoc., Inc., specializing in farm real estate; and

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WHEREAS, Duane Strunk was a loyal Illini; he enjoyed all sports, especially women's basketball, and meeting young students; he was an alumnus of the College of Agricultural, Consumer, and Environmental Sciences; he served on the College of Agriculture Board of Directors for over 15 years and on the University of Illinois General Board of Directors; and

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1 WHEREAS, Duane Strunk was an active member of the Illinois
2 Society of Professional Farm Managers and Rural Appraisers,
3 earning the Accredited Farm Manager and Accredited Rural
4 Appraiser designations; he was also an active member of the
5 Champaign County Farm Bureau and past board of directors
6 member, a member of the Illinois Farm Bureau Equine Grits
7 committee, a 4-H Leader, a member of the University of Illinois
8 Extension State Advisory Council, and a Kiwanis Club of
9 Champaign-Urbana member for over 35 years; and

10 WHEREAS, Duane Strunk was a graduate of the first class of
11 Illinois Ag Leadership (1984); he was a national Pony of the
12 Americas Club member, serving on various committees, and was an
13 owner and breeder of Illini Pony of the Americas; and

14 WHEREAS, Duane Strunk is survived by his wife, Nancy Smith;
15 he is the proud parent of Derek (Kami) Strunk, Nicole (Doug)
16 Webel, Dawn Strunk Reesman, and Colleen (Karl) Scherer; the
17 proud grandfather of Blake, Cole, and Ashley Webel, Jacob,
18 Lindsey, Nicholas, and Lucas Scherer, and Taryn, Danielle, and
19 Dane Strunk; he is also survived by his brother, Eugene (Gene)
20 and Joyce Strunk; therefore, be it

21 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL
22 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of

1 Duane W. Strunk, and extend our sincere condolences to his
2 family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it
3 further

4 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
5 presented to the family of Duane Strunk as an expression of our
6 deepest sympathy.