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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 James L. "Jim" Turner of Garden Prairie, who passed away on December 16, 2015; and

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WHEREAS, Jim Turner was born in Belvidere on May 21, 1930 to Lloyd J. and Ruby Turner; he attended a one-room school house before graduating from Belvidere High School in 1948; he married Marilyn J. Murley on September 30, 1951 at First Presbyterian Church in Belvidere, where he was also a member; and

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WHEREAS, Jim Turner was a dairy farmer, living and working his entire life on his family's Centennial Farm; he started Turner Equipment Sales, where he worked alongside his cousin, Gary Turner for many years; and

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WHEREAS, Jim Turner gave back to the community by his service as a State officer of F.F.A; he was a founding member and President of Boone Co. Ducks Unlimited Chapter, the 4-H Garden Prairie Grasshoppers, and the Boone County Historical Society Museum, where he was the "Big Dipper" at the annual Ice Cream Social; he also served on the Boone County Community Foundation board and was a recipient of the Belvidere Chamber of Commerce Distinguished Citizens Award in 2013; he was a

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1 member of the Farm Bureau and a Bonus Township Trustee and
2 Lawrenceville Cemetery Trustee; he also served on the board of
3 the Conservation District and was a member and supporter of the
4 Boone County Granges; he was a former board member of the Boone
5 State Bank and served on the Belvidere School Board, following
6 the tornado of 1967, as well as during the construction of
7 Funderburg Stadium; he and his wife hosted the Boone County
8 Farm Bureau Dairy Breakfast, and, along with Jack and Peggy
9 Wolf, donated "The Babysitter" statue located at the Boone
10 County Fair Grounds; and

11 WHEREAS, Jim Turner loved his family; he enjoyed his time
12 baling and selling hay, the Boone County Fair, and raising
13 Welsh Ponies; he was an avid Belvidere Bucs and Chicago Cubs
14 fan; and

15 WHEREAS, Jim Turner was preceded in death by his parents
16 and his sister, Shirley Craig; and

17 WHEREAS, Jim Turner is survived by his wife, Marilyn; his
18 children, Teri (Rock) Keegan, Lori Turner, Julie Turner, and
19 Nancy (Mike) Hearn; his sisters, Marlene Smiley and Beverly
20 Gibson; his grandchildren, Kelli (Ben) Knaup, Dustin Turner,
21 Danielle Turner, Stacey (Scott) Barnes, Ali Hearn, and Luke
22 Hearn; his great-grandchildren, Emma Knaup and Sam Knaup; his
23 cousins, Gary (Ann) Turner and Giles (Bunny) Turner; and

1 several nieces and nephews; therefore, be it

2 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL
3 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
4 James L. "Jim" Turner, and extend our sincere condolences to
5 his family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it
6 further

7 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
8 presented to the family of Jim Turner as an expression of our
9 deepest sympathy.