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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 William J. "Gov" Bolger of McHenry, who passed away on February 24, 2016; and

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WHEREAS, William Bolger was born on the family farm a few miles south of McHenry to Thomas and Grace (Doherty) Bolger on October 9, 1920; he graduated from McHenry High School in 1938 and married Madeline Freund at St. Mary Church in McHenry on July 2, 1966; and

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WHEREAS, William Bolger worked one year at the Farmers Mill before returning to operate the family farm in the heart of the Irish Prairie alongside the Fox River until 2010; he raised and cared for dairy cattle, pigs, and chickens with the help of neighborhood boys; and

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WHEREAS, William Bolger and his brothers, Tom and Bill, formed the McHenry Shamrocks hard-ball baseball team; along with neighbors and friends, they won the county championship in 1949; he and his wife, Madeline, enjoyed having a large garden and attending family picnics and special events; he belonged to St. Patrick Church all his life, where he was an usher and Eucharistic Minister; he also belonged to the Foresters and the Knights of Columbus; he and his wife were active participants

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1 in Associated Milk Producers, Inc; and

2 WHEREAS, William Bolger was preceded in death by his wife,  
3 Madeline; his parents; his brother, Thomas; his three sisters,  
4 Vivian Eastman, Eleanor Sullivan, and Mabel Weber; and his four  
5 brothers-in-law, Richard Eastman, Edwin Sullivan, Richard  
6 Weber, George Miller, and Harold Stilling, Sr.; and

7 WHEREAS, William Bolger is survived by his son, John  
8 Bolger; his granddaughter, Sara Bolger; his brother, William  
9 (Carol) Bolger; his sisters, Grace Bolger Stilling, Ann Bolger  
10 Miller, Margaret (Richard) Carey, and Rita (Raymond) Gaylord;  
11 and his sister-in-law, Kathryn Nye Bolger; therefore, be it

12 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL  
13 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of  
14 William J. Bolger, and extend our sincere condolences to his  
15 family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it  
16 further

17 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
18 presented to the family of William Bolger as an expression of  
19 our deepest sympathy.