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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 Richard Leo Boens of Coal Valley, who passed away on May 4, 2016; and

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WHEREAS, Richard Boens was born to Gustaf and Martha Rydell Boens on May 30, 1931; he served in the United States Army and married Donna Cook in Milan on August 14, 1954; and

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WHEREAS, Richard Boens was a lifelong farmer; he also had a 36-year career with John Deere; and

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WHEREAS, Richard Boens cherished his time with his family and friends; he loved traveling, fishing, hunting, and NASCAR; he loved watching his grandchildren grow and participate in sports; his leisure time was often spent at Mulligan's with his many friends; and

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WHEREAS, Richard Boens was preceded in death by his parents and his brother, Harold "Bud" Boens; and

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WHEREAS, Richard Boens is survived by his loving wife of nearly 62 years, Donna; his three children, Greg (Leah) Boens, Dorrie (Lance) Love, and Pam (John) Dobbels; his six grandchildren, Wade, Matt, and Carly Boens, Chelsey (fiance,

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1 Robert McDaniel) Love, Tashia (Alec) Kerins, and Maddie
2 Dobbels; his brother, Robert (Cleo) Boens; his sister-in-law,
3 Rosalee Boens; and several nieces and nephews; therefore, be it

4 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL
5 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
6 Richard Leo Boens, 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 Richard Boens as an expression of
11 our deepest sympathy.