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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 Cecil Gilson Jr. of Havana, who passed away on April 30, 2019; and

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WHEREAS, Cecil Gilson was born in Canton to Cecil Sr. and Leah Showens Gibson on October 5, 1928; he graduated from Canton High School and Brown Business College; he married Elnora Bohm in Havana on June 3, 1951; he served in the military during the Korean War and in the National Guard for 25 years, retiring as Major; and

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WHEREAS, Cecil Gilson retired from International Harvester after 36 years and the Secretary of State Driver's License Facility after 8 years; and

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WHEREAS, Cecil Gilson was active in the Havana community, serving as an alderman and helping to establish the TIF district; he and Elnora spent 17 years volunteering for the American Red Cross, organizing local blood drives; he donated over 25 gallons of blood and platelets in his lifetime; in 2002, he was honored for his civic involvement by receiving the 2002 Havana Chamber of Commerce Citizen of the Year award; and

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WHEREAS, Cecil Gilson was active in the Havana Church of

1 Christ, serving as Sunday School Superintendent, Deacon,  
2 Elder, Trustee, Chairman of the Board, and Chairman of the  
3 Building and Grounds Committee; his greatest pleasure came from  
4 time spent with family; he spent countless hours helping to  
5 build or remodel homes, watching his sons and grandchildren  
6 compete in various sporting events, and chauffeuring  
7 grandchildren to school and appointments; and

8 WHEREAS, Cecil Gilson was preceded in death by his parents;  
9 his sisters, Vera Mae Savill and Barbara Bell; and his brother,  
10 Tom Gilson; and

11 WHEREAS, Cecil Gilson is survived by his wife, Elnora; his  
12 sons, Marshall (Karen) Gilson, Kevin (Sherry) Gilson, and Craig  
13 (Jenni) Gilson; his grandchildren, Andy (Melissa) Gilson, Kirk  
14 (Aneesha) Gilson, Tony (Steph) Gilson, Josh (Jackie) Gilson,  
15 Jay Gilson, Jess (Tyler) Sayers, and Ashleigh (Kyle) Gilson;  
16 and his great-children, Ryan and Jack Gilson, Alexis Sayers,  
17 Eleigh and Kyleigh Gustafson, Brooklyn Gilson, and Evan Miller;  
18 therefore, be it

19 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL  
20 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of  
21 Cecil Gilson Jr. and extend our sincere condolences to his  
22 family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it  
23 further

1           RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
2 presented to the family of Cecil Gilson as an expression of our  
3 deepest sympathy.