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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 John D. Jay of Mahomet, who passed away on December 12, 2019; and

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WHEREAS, John Jay was born in Champaign to John and Grace (Scales) Jay on June 11, 1942; he graduated from Champaign High School in 1960; he married Dorothy Munds in 1961, and they were married for nearly 30 years; he later married Connie "Sunny" (Curry) Barnhart on October 22, 1996; and

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WHEREAS, John Jay joined the Cornbelt Fire Department in 1971; he rose through the ranks and became fire chief in 1981; he retired in 2011; and

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WHEREAS, John Jay was active in the Future Farmers of America when he was in high school and started his own farm at the age of 17; he was a member of the Champaign County Farm Bureau and was Farm Leader of the Year in 2005; he was active in his community and served on both the Zoning Board of Appeals and the Champaign County Board; and

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WHEREAS, John Jay was preceded in death by his brother, Gale, and his brother-in-law, Don Deem; and

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1 WHEREAS, John Jay is survived by his wife, Connie; his
2 children, Bill (Jill) Jay, John (Lorie) Jay, Clay (Amy)
3 Barnhart, and Angie (Mark) Bundy; 18 grandchildren; eight
4 great-grandchildren; and four siblings, Beth (Al) Barnes, Ann
5 Rollins, Ralph Jay, and Ruth Jay; therefore, be it

6 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL
7 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
8 John D. Jay and extend our sincere condolences to his family,
9 friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it further

10 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
11 presented to the family of John Jay as an expression of our
12 deepest sympathy.