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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 Daniel R. "Dan" Sperry of Normal, who passed away on April 11, 2020; and

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WHEREAS, Dan Sperry was born in Batavia to Frank Earl and Elsie Jane Banks Sperry on October 16, 1928; he attended the University of Illinois; he married M. Irene Hubbs in Bloomington on February 24, 1952, and she preceded him in death on January 24, 1997; he later married O. Gerada Fonger in Bloomington on August 1, 1998, and she preceded him in death on December 23, 2019; and

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WHEREAS, Dan Sperry took over his father's company, Mechanical Devices, in Bloomington after his father's death in 1956; alongside his wife Irene, he expanded the company to include production manufacturing, and the business grew from a 6,000 square-foot site to 20 acres on G.E. Road; his company continues under the leadership of family members and is now under the management of its fourth generation; and

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WHEREAS, Dan Sperry was a member of the Society of Manufacturing Engineers and DeMolay International; and

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WHEREAS, Dan Sperry was known as a skilled draftsman, an

1 exceptional designer, and a talented musician; he collected the
2 works of authors Joseph C. Lincoln and Zane Gray; he enjoyed
3 playing a number of sports during high school, Boy Scouting
4 with his son and grandsons, going on family vacations, camping,
5 sailing, and canoeing; and

6 WHEREAS, Dan Sperry was preceded in death by his parents
7 and his sisters, Emma Lee Sperry, Bertha-Mae Wilson, and George
8 Jean Sperry; and

9 WHEREAS, Dan Sperry is survived by his children, Linda Sue
10 (Gary) Fillingham, Carol Jean (Steve) Kant, Mark Daniel
11 (Laurel) Sperry, and Judy Kay (Mark) Hovren; his grandchildren,
12 Yale (Emily) Fillingham, Chase (Kari) Fillingham, Alexis
13 (A.J.) Kalitzky, Austin (Doug) Herring, Tyler (Emma) Sperry,
14 Courtney Sperry, Emily (Dan) Breazeale, and Sara Hovren; his
15 great-grandchildren, Rose Fillingham, Willa Fillingham, Hunter
16 Fillingham, Kallen Fillingham, Aubrey Kalitzky, Jonah
17 Kalitzky, Emerson Kalitzky, Kate Kalitzky, Trae Herring, Nash
18 Herring, and Connor Sperry; and his two special nephews,
19 Forrest (Carla) Wilson and John (Judy) Wilson; therefore, be it

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

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2 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
3 presented to the family of Dan Sperry as an expression of our
4 deepest sympathy.