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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 James "Gene" Chamberlain of rural Albany, who passed away on November 10, 2020; and

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WHEREAS, Gene Chamberlain was born to George and Rosella (O'Neil) Chamberlain in Newton Township on May 17, 1928; he graduated from Erie High School in 1946; he married Dorothy Mae McKenna at St. Ambrose Catholic Church in Erie on May 26, 1951; he served as Sergeant First Class in the U.S. Army for two years and was a Korean War Veteran; and

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WHEREAS, Gene Chamberlain had a successful farming career in Whiteside County that spanned his lifetime; he served many years on the ASCS and FSA committees for the U.S. Department of Agriculture; he was the Meredosia Levee and Drainage District Commissioner for 43 years and served the last 22 years as chairman; and

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WHEREAS, Gene Chamberlain was a lifelong member of St. Ambrose Catholic Church and was active in many roles, including serving as a Trustee for 20 years, as the first President of the Parish Council, and as a Eucharistic Minister; he was a third and fourth degree Knight of Columbus and a lifelong member of the American Legion and the Albany Lions Club; he had

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1 the privilege of being part of the first Quad City Honor Flight
2 for Korean War veterans in 2012; and

3 WHEREAS, Gene Chamberlain enjoyed spending time in his
4 fields, talking shop with other farmers, proudly supporting the
5 activities of his grandchildren and great-grandchildren,
6 visiting with family and friends, traveling, playing cards, and
7 spending time on his computer; he could fix almost anything and
8 acted as the family historian; he will especially be remembered
9 for his quick wit and funny jokes; and

10 WHEREAS, Gene Chamberlain was preceded in death by his
11 beloved wife; his parents; his son, Greg; his son-in-law, Art
12 Mack; his brothers, Leo, Howard, and Clyde; and his sisters,
13 Lorraine Verkruysee, Dorothy Schroeder, and Isabel Hood; and

14 WHEREAS, Gene Chamberlain is survived by his children,
15 Teresa (Jim) Anderson, Chris (Cheryl) Chamberlain, Laura
16 (Brian) Currie, Cynthia "William" Elsbury, Dennis (Cheryl)
17 Chamberlain, Rebecca Mack, Veronica (Michael) Saad, and Maria
18 (Russ) McAtee; his 23 grandchildren; his 23
19 great-grandchildren; his nieces and nephews; and his cousins;
20 therefore, be it

21 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL
22 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of

1 James "Gene" Chamberlain and extend our sincere condolences to
2 his family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it
3 further

4 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
5 presented to the family of Gene Chamberlain as an expression of
6 our deepest sympathy.