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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 Robert "Bob" Gilpin of Newman, who passed away on November 26, 2020; and

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WHEREAS, Bob Gilpin was born in Decatur to Clark and Opal Gilpin on January 9, 1935; he was raised in Atwood and graduated from Atwood High School in 1953, lettering in all sports; he graduated from Eastern Illinois University, where he was a member of the football team for four years and a member of the Tau Kappa Epsilon fraternity; he served in the U.S. Army; following active service, he served in the U.S. Army Reserve for five years; he married Nellie (Buoy) Gilpin on February 28, 1958; he earned a master's degree in Education from Eastern Illinois University; and

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WHEREAS, Bob Gilpin was hired as the industrial arts teacher at Newman High School in June 1959; he coached football, basketball, and track; he later became the principal of Newman High School and then became the principal at Homer High School, where he worked for 18 years; following his retirement from teaching, he worked for Weberg Furniture and Rhodes Furniture in Champaign; and

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WHEREAS, Bob Gilpin was an active member of Newman United

1 Methodist Church for over 62 years; he remained an active  
2 supporter of both Eastern Illinois University and the Tau Kappa  
3 Epsilon fraternity until the recent pandemic; and

4 WHEREAS, Bob Gilpin is survived by his wife of 62 years,  
5 Nellie; his two sons, Gary E. Gilpin and Brent A. Gilpin  
6 (Colleen); his grandchildren, Ashley Gilpin, Dakota Gilpin,  
7 Joseph Gilpin, and Brittany Rondeau; and his  
8 great-grandchildren, Lexi, Aurora, and Theo; therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL  
10 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of  
11 Robert "Bob" Gilpin and extend our sincere condolences to his  
12 family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it  
13 further

14 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
15 presented to the family of Bob Gilpin as an expression of our  
16 deepest sympathy.