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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 Laton Ernest "Ernie" Mahan of Dunlap, who passed away on September 25, 2023; and

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WHEREAS, Ernie Mahan was born to Sylvester and June (Ford) Mahan in Peoria on January 25, 1947; he served in the U.S. Marine Corps during the Vietnam War from 1966 to 1968; he married Mary Ellen Kerker in Peoria on February 15, 1969; and

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WHEREAS, Ernie Mahan worked at Caterpillar, Inc. for over 30 years, retiring as a line foreman in 2002; and

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WHEREAS, Ernie Mahan's passion for helping others led him to serve in a number of positions revolving around human services, including as an EMT, a volunteer firefighter for the Northern Tazewell Fire Department, and a court-appointed children's advocate through Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA); he also volunteered at different organizations, including the Friendship House, Meals on Wheels, and the Special Education Association of Peoria County (SEAPCO); and

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WHEREAS, Ernie Mahan was preceded in death by his parents;

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1 WHEREAS, Ernie Mahan is survived by his wife; his sons,
2 Dennis (Gretchen) Mahan and Chris Mahan; his daughter, Jill
3 (Chuck) Mathes; his grandchildren, Gabriel, Helena, Haydn,
4 Faith, and Brody; his brother, Ken Mahan; his sisters, Sue
5 (Scott) Bitcon and Carol Young; and several nieces and
6 nephews; therefore, be it

7 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL
8 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
9 Laton Ernest "Ernie" Mahan and extend our sincere condolences
10 to his family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be
11 it further

12 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
13 presented to the family of Ernie Mahan as an expression of our
14 deepest sympathy.