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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 B. Maxwell of Pittsfield, who passed away on July 7, 2015; and

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WHEREAS, James Maxwell was born in Fullerton, California on November 11, 1936 to Violet Ellen Weatherwax Maxwell and James Grenon Maxwell; he graduated from Fullerton High School in 1956, where he was a standout athlete and captain of the varsity football team his senior year; he received his Bachelor of Science from Arizona State University in 1960, where he was a proud member of the Sigma Nu Fraternity; he married Wilma Faye Silvernail in Phoenix, Arizona on April 9, 1960, and they moved to Riverton, California; and

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WHEREAS, James Maxwell and his family left California and settled outside of Manito on their farm; he began farming and teaching at Wilson Elementary School in Pekin; he farmed, drove the Forman school bus, and taught social studies at Forman Junior High School; he was a highly respected and awarded Country Companies Insurance and Financial Agent and Manager until his retirement in 1996; he also served the Forest City Community Church as a member and board director; and

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WHEREAS, James Maxwell and his wife enjoyed living in both

1 Illinois and Florida during their retirement; he enjoyed
2 dancing, golf, spending time with family and friends, a good
3 dinner and conversation, and "Jim-Lit" to wash it down; and

4 WHEREAS, James Maxwell was preceded in death by his
5 parents; his wife of 47 years, Wilma; and his sister,
6 Elizabeth; and

7 WHEREAS, James Maxwell is survived by his daughter, Janine
8 Maxwell; his son, Jeffrey (Becky) Maxwell; his grandson, Adam
9 Maxwell; his granddaughter, Anna Grace Maxwell; his
10 brother-in-law, Michael (Mary) Silvernail; his brother-in-law,
11 Jim (Betty) Stacy; his 2 nieces, Melissa Johnson and Gladys
12 Farnam; and several great-nieces, great-nephews, and cousins;
13 therefore, be it

14 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL
15 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
16 James B. Maxwell, and extend our sincere condolences to his
17 family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it
18 further

19 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
20 presented to the family of James Maxwell as an expression of
21 our deepest sympathy.