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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 Gerald R. "Jerry" Block of Danville, who passed away on January 3, 2025; and

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WHEREAS, Jerry Block, the son of Raymond and Camille (Trotter) Block, was born in Sidney on June 17, 1938; he graduated from Danville High School in 1956; he served in the U.S. Army; he was formerly married to Judy Laird, and they were married on March 25, 1966; and

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WHEREAS, Jerry Block worked for Bohn Aluminum, where he was elected as president of the local UAW union in May 1958; and

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WHEREAS, Jerry Block was elected Vermilion County Circuit Clerk in 1964, serving a total of 28 years until 1992; he then served on the Vermilion County Board from 1992, retiring in 2000; during his tenure, he served on the Board of Review from 1994 to 1998, where he was chairman from 1997 to 1998; he was appointed and served as a trustee of the Danville Sanitary District Board from 2001 to 2013; he was later appointed as a trustee of the Danville Township, serving in that position from 2017 to 2021, and he was elected to a four-year term in April 2021; at the time of his passing, he was serving as a

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1 trustee on the Danville Township Board; overall, he served in
2 an elected office or an appointment for a total of 44 years;
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4 WHEREAS, Jerry Block was a member of the Landmark Credit
5 Union Board, and he was active with the Vermilion County
6 Democratic Association; and

7 WHEREAS, Jerry Block enjoyed golfing, bowling, watching
8 NASCAR, singing karaoke, attending cookouts, supporting the
9 Democratic Party, and spending time with family and friends;
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11 WHEREAS, Jerry Block was preceded in death by his parents;
12 his sisters, Marilyn Jones and Karen Martin; and his brother,
13 Richard "Whitey" Block; and

14 WHEREAS, Jerry Block is survived by his daughter, Leisa
15 (Tom) Nimrick; four grandchildren; three great-grandchildren;
16 his brothers, Kenneth Block and James (Nan Mettam) Block; his
17 sisters, Debby (William) Townsley and Beth Carrigan; his half
18 brothers, Chris Block and Brett Block; his half sister, Tammy
19 Sexton; his longtime companion, Brenda Demos, and her family;
20 and several nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, and
21 special friends; therefore, be it

1 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL
2 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
3 Gerald R. "Jerry" Block and extend our sincere condolences to
4 his family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it
5 further

6 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
7 presented to the family of Jerry Block as an expression of our
8 deepest sympathy.