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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 William H. "Bill" Wilkinson of Wyoming, Illinois who passed away on November 29, 2024; and

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WHEREAS, Bill Wilkinson was born to Harold and Betty (Graves) Wilkinson in Kewanee on September 16, 1942; he graduated from Wyoming Community High School in 1961; he served in the U.S. Army, and he was stationed in Iran during the Vietnam War; he was awarded a National Defense Service Sharpshooter (rifle) Medal for his service; he married Susan C. Hill on June 26, 1971; and

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WHEREAS, Bill Wilkinson worked as a diesel mechanic for Caterpillar, Inc. for 35 years; and

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WHEREAS, Bill Wilkinson belonged to the Chillicothe Sportsmen's Club, where he enjoyed volunteering and shooting his weekly target practice; fishing was another of his lifelong interests; and

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WHEREAS, Bill Wilkinson's skills in carpentry, plumbing, welding, farming, gardening, and working on electrical and mechanical projects kept him busy on his farm and with helping his friends and family; and

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1 WHEREAS, Bill Wilkinson was preceded in death by his wife;
2 his parents; his sister, Becky (Steve) Bogner; his niece,
3 Jennifer Wilkinson; his nephew, Michael Kenyon; and his
4 brothers-in-law, Ed (Pat) Borop and Melvin "Lyle" (Chris) Hill
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6 WHEREAS, Bill Wilkinson is survived by his children,
7 Christina (Jim) Lauwerens, Anita Wilkinson, and Raymond
8 (fiance Robin) Wilkinson; five grandchildren; his siblings,
9 Jim (Barb) Wilkinson, Jeanette Wilkinson, Pat Borop, Rhonda
10 Wilkinson, and David Wilkinson; and many nieces, nephews,
11 great-nieces, and great-nephews; therefore, be it

12 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL
13 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
14 William H. "Bill" Wilkinson and extend our sincere condolences
15 to his family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be
16 it further

17 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
18 presented to the family of Bill Wilkinson as an expression of
19 our deepest sympathy.