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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 Lowell Don Powell of rural Ozark, who passed away on January 28, 2025; and

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WHEREAS, Don Powell was born near Ozark to Normal and Caroline (Simmons) Powell on March 31, 1932; he graduated from Vienna High School in 1949; he joined the U.S. Army, graduating first in his class, and served during the Korean War as an explosive ordnance disposal specialist; he married Alice Janet Taylor on December 11, 1954; and

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WHEREAS, Don Powell was the self-employed owner/operator of Summer High Trucking and Powell Produce; he spent summers working in Arkansas in the tomato crops and in Wisconsin during the fall vegetable season; and

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WHEREAS, Don Powell loved the outdoors and hunting; he was an avid hunter of wild game; he was passionate about quail hunting and training bird dogs and later developed an interest in turkey hunting; he served as a former chapter and state president of Quail Unlimited and was a long time supporter of the Quail and Upland Game Alliance, the National Wild Turkey Federation, and the Fellowship of Christian Athletes; he was also a staunch supporter of the S.I.U. Saluki basketball team;

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1 he was devoted to his church and missionary outreach and was a
2 longtime deacon of the Ozark Baptist Church, becoming deacon
3 emeritus when he couldn't be as active; and

4 WHEREAS, Don Powell was preceded in death by his parents;
5 his infant brother, Duane Powell; his brother and
6 sister-in-law, Howard Ray and Myra Powell; and his
7 sister-in-law and brother-in-law, Louise and Don Taylor; and

8 WHEREAS, Don Powell is survived by survived by his wife of
9 over 70 years, Alice; his daughters, Lynn (Randy Spurlock)
10 Beasley and Jana (Bruce) Cullers; his grandchildren, Chris
11 (Brandi) Beasley, Rhiannon (Matt) Slife, Gabe (Autum) Cullers,
12 Daniel (Elaina) Cullers, and Josh (Jerica) Cullers; his
13 great-grandchildren, Shelby Beasley, Riley and Laney Slife,
14 Brianna and Ben Cullers, Marissa and Lydia Cullers, and
15 Everett and Scout Cullers; and his bonus great-grandchildren,
16 Mason and Cooper Howton; therefore, be it

17 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL
18 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
19 Lowell Don Powell and extend our sincere condolences to his
20 family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it
21 further

22 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be

1 presented to the family of Don Powell as an expression of our
2 deepest sympathy.