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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 L. "Jim" Widger of Macomb, formerly of Canton, who passed away on June 7, 2025; and

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WHEREAS, Jim Widger was born to David Earl and Anna (Elias) Widger in Fairview on March 27, 1933; he served in the United States Army during the Korean Conflict; he first married Sandra Cook; he later married Muriel Bowton in Canton on November 2, 1979, and she preceded him in death on September 15, 2018; and

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WHEREAS, Jim Widger, after completing his military service, worked as a cowboy, wrangling cattle on ranches in Fulton County; he founded Widger and Sons Roofing and served as a foreman at the International Harvester Company; and

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WHEREAS, Jim Widger helped build and later managed Midwest Horse Spa, a training facility for harness horses, and he trained horses until his retirement; and

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WHEREAS, Jim Widger loved participating in bowling leagues and playing cards with his brothers; and

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WHEREAS, Jim Widger was preceded in death by his parents;

1 his children, David Widger, Susan Widger, and Denise Long; his
2 brothers, Russell Widger and Charles Widger; and his sisters,
3 Evelyn Lowe and Ann Hamilton; and

4 WHEREAS, Jim Widger is survived by his children, Kendall
5 (the late Gloria) Widger, Michael (Alex) Widger, Melissa Kay
6 Reyes, Samuel Widger, Sherry (Kevin) Banninga, Joseph Widger,
7 Melanie (Matthew) Barnes, Thomas (Kelli) Widger, Douglas
8 (Heather) Widger, Joe (Pat) Henderson, Tony (Julie) Henderson,
9 Jeff (Elsie) Henderson, and Wendy (the late Steve) Hilton; his
10 brothers, Wesley Widger, Wayne Widger, and Bernard Widger; his
11 sister, Marilyn Widger; many grandchildren,
12 great-grandchildren, and great-great-grandchildren; and his
13 loyal dachshund, Penny; therefore, be it

14 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL
15 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
16 James L. "Jim" Widger and extend our sincere condolences to
17 his 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 Jim Widger as an expression of our
21 deepest sympathy.