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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 Lee "Jim" Hootman of Cuba, who passed away on August 9, 2025; and

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WHEREAS, Jim Hootman was born to Jes and Melba Hootman in Kingston Mines on October 26, 1934; he served in both the United States Navy and Army, and he spent more than two years deployed in Germany; he married Irmalee "Irma" "Irmie" Barnes on July 5, 1953, and she preceded him in death on February 22, 2019; and

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WHEREAS, Jim Hootman was a lifelong farmer in rural Cuba; he loved his farm, referring to his land as "God's country"; he also loved his Allis Chalmers tractors, and in recent years, he took great pride in his little New Holland tractor he named "The Brute"; while farming and raising livestock, he worked at Keystone Steel and Wire for 37 years; and

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WHEREAS, Jim Hootman was a longtime member of the Cuba Christian Church; he and his wife, Irma, enjoyed entertaining and hosting people at their home, and they never shied away from partaking in a good dance or a card game; and

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WHEREAS, Jim Hootman was a man of his word, a

1 conversationalist, and a hardworking individual who provided a  
2 great life for the family he cherished so much; despite facing  
3 many different health problems as he aged, he maintained a  
4 positive attitude and always tried to lift the spirits of  
5 those around him; and

6 WHEREAS, Jim Hootman was preceded in death by his parents  
7 and his brother, Bill Hootman; and

8 WHEREAS, Jim Hootman is survived by his children, Debbie  
9 (Jeff) Raymond and Tim (Annabel) Hootman; four grandchildren;  
10 one great-granddaughter; and his sister, Becky Christian;  
11 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 James Lee "Jim" Hootman and extend our sincere condolences to  
15 his family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it  
16 further

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