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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 LaVerne Ferdinand "Vern" Linnenkamp of Silvis, who passed away on September 30, 2019; and

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WHEREAS, Vern Linnenkamp was born in Sigourney, Iowa to Raymond and Margaret (Wagner) Linnenkamp on January 26, 1932; he served in the United States Army during the Korean War; he graduated from St. Ambrose College in Davenport, Iowa; he married Rose Marie Collatz on November 22, 1956; they had 12 children; he married Karen (Holden) Eastep on December 20, 1985; they had one child together; and

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WHEREAS, While working as a social worker in St. Louis, Missouri, Vern Linnenkamp discovered his calling to help others; in 1961, he moved with his family to Washington, D.C., where he worked as a personnel specialist for the federal government and assisted veterans; and

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WHEREAS, After retiring, Vern Linnenkamp moved to the Quad Cities, where he helped others through his lawn care business; he volunteered for many causes; he established the Facebook group, Speak Up Boldly; he was a member of St. Anne's Catholic Church in East Moline, where he sang in the choir; he enjoyed camping, traveling, and the most important thing in his life,

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1 his family; and

2 WHEREAS, Vern Linnenkamp was preceded in death by his  
3 parents; his wife, Karen; and his siblings, John Linnenkamp,  
4 Mary Donahue, and Sarah Quinn; and

5 WHEREAS, Vern Linnenkamp is survived by his children,  
6 Dominic (Jill) Linnenkamp, John (Kelly) Linnenkamp, Delores  
7 Linnenkamp, Clare (Donald) Dobbins, Damien (Rose) Linnenkamp,  
8 Joseph (Rita) Linnenkamp, Carole (Eddie) Feldkamp, Theodore  
9 (Tonya) Linnenkamp, Gerianne (Walter) Fraddosio, Mary (Chris)  
10 Knotts, Nicholas (Jennifer) Linnenkamp, Chris Linnen, and Lisa  
11 (Megan) Irely; his bonus daughter, Erica Brooks; 25  
12 grandchildren; two bonus grandchildren; seven  
13 great-grandchildren; his siblings, James (Marlene) Linnenkamp,  
14 Sister Catherine Linnenkamp, Donald Linnenkamp, and Donna  
15 Fiems; and many nieces and nephews; therefore, be it

16 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL  
17 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of  
18 LaVerne Ferdinand "Vern" Linnenkamp and extend our sincere  
19 condolences to his family, friends, and all who knew and loved  
20 him; and be it further

21 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
22 presented to the family of Vern Linnenkamp as an expression of

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1 our deepest sympathy.