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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 Roy E. Bayless of Silvis, who passed away on March 24, 2020; and

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WHEREAS, Roy Bayless was born in Huntington, West Virginia to James L. and Mary (Barrett) Bayless on February 7, 1925; he graduated from high school in 1943; he served in the U.S. Navy in the Pacific; he was discharged from the Navy in April 1946; he married his high school sweetheart Betty Lou Preston in Bowling Green, Ohio on April 28, 1946; and

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WHEREAS, Roy Bayless was hired by the Airlines National Terminal Service Company and the Airport Operations Company, where he spent 13 years in various airport operation positions; he left Willow Run, Michigan as Assistant Airport Manager for the Airport Director position in Riverside, California in 1959; while there, he was named Airport Manager of the Year; he accepted the position of Director of Aviation in Austin, Texas in 1974; and

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WHEREAS, Roy Bayless served in a number of organizations during his career; in Riverside, he was elected president of the California Association of Airport Executives and served as chairman of the Airport Administrators Council for three years;

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1 in Austin, he was elected president of the American Association  
2 of Airport Executives (AAAE), was as a board member of the  
3 Airport Operators Council International for four years, served  
4 as chairman of the Aviation Advisory Committee for the Texas  
5 Transportation Institute and Texas A&M University for nine  
6 years, and was a member of the Austin Retirement Board for two  
7 years; and

8 WHEREAS, Roy Bayless enjoyed fishing, especially with his  
9 grandsons, at the family's home on Lake Wisconsin; and

10 WHEREAS, Roy Bayless is survived by his wife of 73 years,  
11 Betty; his daughter, Marcia (Jeff) Gunderson; his son, Gregory  
12 Bayless; his grandchildren, Marcus (Julie) Quaranta, Chad  
13 (Julie) Quaranta, and Kelli Schafer; and his six  
14 great-grandchildren; therefore, be it

15 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL  
16 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of  
17 Roy E. Bayless and extend our sincere condolences to his  
18 family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it  
19 further

20 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
21 presented to the family of Roy Bayless as an expression of our  
22 deepest sympathy.