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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 John G. Harpst of Fisher, who passed away on May 4, 2020; and

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WHEREAS, John Harpst was born in Monroe, Wisconsin to John R. and Eileen (Shea) Harpst on September 8, 1941; he married Donna "Jeanie" Johnson on May 19, 1962; and

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WHEREAS, John Harpst worked for the Mahomet-Seymour school district as a custodian at several of the schools, the last of which was his favorite, Sangamon Elementary School; he retired from the district after 23 years; while at Sangamon, he was known as the chief "tooth puller" as many students would seek him out to pull their loose teeth; after his retirement, he and Jeanie would make a special visit by fire truck dressed as Santa and Mrs. Claus for the Christmas parties; and

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WHEREAS, John Harpst served the Mahomet community for 45 years with the Cornbelt Fire Protection District; he served the department in many capacities, including as assistant chief; and

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WHEREAS, John Harpst was a member of Our Lady of the Lake Catholic Church in Mahomet, where he was known for being their

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1 chief fish fryer at the Lenten fish dinners; and

2 WHEREAS, John Harpst was preceded in death by his parents;
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4 WHEREAS, John Harpst is survived by his wife, Jeanie; his
5 children, Ronda (Steve) Sumner and Dan (Steph) Harpst; his
6 grandchildren, Jordan (Lisa) Harpst, Garrett Harpst, Cameron
7 Harpst, Rachel Sumner, and Carly Sumner; his siblings, Tom
8 (Martha) Harpst and Tara (Ken) Nichols; his sister-in-law,
9 Kathy Harpst; three nephews and their families; and several
10 special cousins from Wisconsin; therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL
12 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
13 John G. Harpst and extend our sincere condolences to his
14 family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it
15 further

16 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
17 presented to the family of John Harpst as an expression of our
18 deepest sympathy.