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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 Henry D. "Hank" Thomas of Rock Island, who passed away on July 28, 2020; and

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WHEREAS, Henry Thomas was born in Mason City, Iowa to Henry H. and Clara (Hancq) Thomas on January 19, 1941; he graduated from Rock Island High School in 1959; he served in the U.S. Army and was stationed in Germany; he married Roberta Belton in Geneseo on June 12, 1965, and she preceded him in death on March 8, 2002; and

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WHEREAS, Henry Thomas worked for Ralston Purina for more than 38 years; he retired as a forklift operator in 2006; and

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WHEREAS, As a young man, Henry Thomas participated in many high school sports, including track and field, basketball, football, and wrestling; he was involved in the Letterman's Club, intramurals, and the Junior Optimist Club; he enjoyed attending high school and college sporting events with friends, watching all sports and game shows on television, participating in bowling, and playing softball; he loved Rock Island High School, and as an avid fan, he donated much of his time to Rock Island sports programs, particularly track and field; he was a proud member of the Berean Baptist Church and was baptized

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1 there in 2011; and

2 WHEREAS, Henry Thomas was preceded in death by his wife,  
3 Roberta; his parents; and his brother, N. Charles Thomas; and

4 WHEREAS, Henry Thomas is survived by his children, Steven  
5 R. Thomas, Amanda N. Thomas, and Lisa Decker; his  
6 grandchildren, Jenelle L. Thomas, Steven R. Thomas II, Sarah  
7 Decker, Isabella Decker, and Matthew Decker; his four  
8 great-grandchildren; his siblings, Richard Thomas, Marilyn  
9 DeKoster, Jerry (Nancy) Thomas, Clare (Jim) Taylor, Thomas  
10 (Lisa) Thomas, Margaret-Ann (George) Niquette, Elizabeth  
11 (John) McGonigle, and Kent (Nancy) Thomas; and his special  
12 friend and companion, Sue Morris; therefore, be it

13 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL  
14 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of  
15 Henry D. "Hank" Thomas and extend our sincere condolences to  
16 his family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it  
17 further

18 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
19 presented to the family of Henry Thomas as an expression of our  
20 deepest sympathy.