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SENATE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate are saddened
3 to learn of the death of Robert E. Merrill of Colona, who
4 passed away on May 13, 2021; and

5 WHEREAS, Robert Merrill was born in Moline to Joseph and
6 Adia "Irene" DeVore Merrill on November 13, 1944; he served in
7 the U.S. Army during the Vietnam Era; he married Barbara
8 Draper in Rock Island on December 24, 1970, and she preceded
9 him in death on February 17, 2013; and

10 WHEREAS, Robert Merrill worked as a machine repairman at
11 IH in East Moline; and

12 WHEREAS, Robert Merrill was a member of the Colona
13 American Legion, Geneseo VFW Post 5083, Disabled American
14 Veterans, and Vietnam Veterans of America; he also helped
15 establish the Henry County Veterans Assistance Commission; and

16 WHEREAS, Robert Merrill was preceded in death by his
17 parents, his wife, and his brothers, James, Joseph, and
18 Norman; and

19 WHEREAS, Robert Merrill is survived by his children,
20 Christopher (Sharon) Merrill, Mechelle "Missy" (John) Larson,

1 Jody (Thad) Lindstrom, and Robert "Bobby" (Kelly) Merrill; his
2 grandchildren, Terry Larson, Jonathon Larson, Sommer Larson,
3 Devan Markin, Tiera White, Kristina McCool, Kalista Merrill,
4 Spencer Lindstrom, Dawson Merrill, and Alyse Merrill; his
5 great-grandchildren, Elijah Ford, Chloe Wheat, Christopher
6 Zane White, Airabella White, and Harlie Halderman; his
7 brothers, John (Rita) Merrill and Jack (Barbara) Merrill; his
8 sister, Joan (Jerry) Kinkead; his sister-in-law, Lois Merrill;
9 and his special friend, Lynda Smith; therefore, be it

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

15 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
16 presented to the family of Robert Merrill as an expression of
17 our deepest sympathy.