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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 Edwin "Connell" Watson of Milan, who passed away on September 16, 2021; and

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WHEREAS, Connell Watson was born to Frazier E. and Florence A. McConnell Watson in Viola on February 26, 1934; he married Jo Ann Kleinau at the First Presbyterian Church in Milan on March 16, 1958; he served in the U.S. Army; and

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WHEREAS, Connell Watson worked for 20 years for John Deere Plow and Planter before he started Watson Building and Remodeling; he ran his contracting business for nearly 50 years; and

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WHEREAS, Connell Watson was a member of the First Presbyterian Church in Milan; and

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WHEREAS, Connell Watson enjoyed taking fishing trips to Minnesota and loved to spend time with his family; and

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WHEREAS, Connell Watson was preceded in death by his parents; his infant twin grandchildren, Thomas and Mary Katherine Huff; and his siblings, Lillian Watson, Harold Watson, Florence Lude, and Roberta Patterson; and

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1 WHEREAS, Connell Watson is survived by his wife; his
2 children, Laurie J. (Bruce) Knowlton, Craig E. (Lisa) Watson,
3 Alice A. (David Huff) Watson, and Paul F. (Lisa) Watson; his
4 grandchildren, Claire Knowlton, Andrew Knowlton, Daniel
5 Knowlton, Emma Watson, Anna Watson, Nathaniel Huff, Marguerite
6 Huff, and Grant Watson; his siblings, Frazier "Bud" (Lois)
7 Watson, Ramona (Richard) McMeekan, and Karen Burton; and his
8 sister-in-law, Bonnie Watson; therefore, be it

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

14 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
15 presented to the family of Connell Watson as an expression of
16 our deepest sympathy.