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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 Francis Urbaan Ballegeer of East Moline, who passed away on August 2, 2021; and

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WHEREAS, Francis Ballegeer was born in Moline to Urbaan and Goldie (Callewaert) Ballegeer on October 31, 1928; he married Marilyn Schwenneker at St. Mary's Catholic Church in East Moline on September 16, 1950; and

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WHEREAS, Francis Ballegeer worked a few years for the East Moline Street Department, at Emil De Donker's Feed Mill in East Moline, and then briefly at a foundry before joining the U.S. Marine Corps for two years; after his service, he and his wife rented a farm near Carbon Cliff for two years; they then bought a farm in Green Rock; that farm and half of the Urbaan Ballegeer farm on Coaltown Road are still owned and farmed by Francis's family; and

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WHEREAS, Francis Ballegeer served four years as road commissioner of Colona Township; and

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WHEREAS, Francis Ballegeer enjoyed motorcycling and water skiing for recreation in his younger years; his favorite recreation was horseback riding, and he participated in many

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1 organized trail rides, shoed horses for several years, and
2 enjoyed western movies; in later years, he loved sitting with
3 his wife on the deck overlooking the Ballegeer Pond; after his
4 wife passed, he especially enjoyed the company of his
5 great-grandchildren; and

6 WHEREAS, Francis Ballegeer was preceded in death by his
7 parents; his wife, Marilyn; his sister, Catherine Miller; his
8 brothers, Edward, Leonard, and Robert Ballegeer; and his
9 daughter, Sherry McKeag; and

10 WHEREAS, Francis Ballegeer is survived by his sons, Larry
11 (Mary Kay) Ballegeer, David (Robbin) Ballegeer, and Steve
12 Ballegeer; his grandchildren, Shannon, Mitch, Megan, Josh,
13 Jake, Joseph, James, Jason, Adam, and Stephanie; his
14 great-grandchildren, Jeremy, Dallas, Desirae, Destiny, Hunter,
15 Emery, Rylie, Judd, Deegan, and William; his
16 step-grandchildren, Brandon and Nick; and his brother, Donald;
17 therefore, be it

18 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL
19 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
20 Francis Urbaan Ballegeer and extend our sincere condolences to
21 his family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it
22 further

1 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
2 presented to the family of Francis Ballegeer as an expression
3 of our deepest sympathy.