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SENATE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate are saddened
3 to learn of the death of James Loren "Jim" Burrus of Arcadia,
4 who passed away on April 22, 2022; and

5 WHEREAS, Jim Burrus was born to Loren W. "Pete" and Marie
6 C. Bertolino Burrus in Jacksonville on January 11, 1950; he
7 married Mary Bergschneider at the Church of Our Saviour in
8 Jacksonville on July 12, 1969; he attended Lincoln Land
9 Community College; and

10 WHEREAS, Jim Burrus was a lifelong farmer in the Arcadia
11 area, where he raised corn and soybeans; he also raised
12 organic, grass-fed Angus cattle and was a pioneer of
13 Management Intensive Grazing in the area; he enjoyed mentoring
14 farmers who wanted to get started in Intensive Grazing and was
15 very willing to help them however he could; he hosted several
16 farm walks on his farm as a way to inform farmers about his
17 practices; and

18 WHEREAS, Jim Burrus, along with his wife, earned the
19 Illinois Beef Association Environmental Steward of the Year
20 Award in 2006, the Morgan County Conservation Farm Family of
21 the Year in 2014, and the Illinois Department of Agriculture's
22 Sustainable Agriculture Farmer of the Year Award in 2014; and

1 WHEREAS, Jim Burrus attended St. Mark's Catholic Church in
2 Winchester; he held his private pilot's license and was a
3 founding member of the Jacksonville Flying Club, and he loved
4 flying whenever he could; he enjoyed having coffee with his
5 friends in the morning and afternoon breaks at Klem's Hangar
6 at the Jacksonville Airport; and

7 WHEREAS, Jim Burrus was preceded in death by his parents;
8 and

9 WHEREAS, Jim Burrus is survived by his wife, Mary; his
10 daughter, Heather (Don) Viele; his grandchildren, Jared Viele
11 and Olivia Viele; his sister, Lou Ann (Ron) Sweatman; and his
12 nieces, Gina Holtz and Angi Bobsin; therefore, be it

13 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL
14 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
15 James Loren "Jim" Burrus 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 Jim Burrus as an expression of our
20 deepest sympathy.