SENATE RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate are saddened to learn of the death of Joseph William "Bill" Maloney of Avon, who passed away on July 31, 2023; and

WHEREAS, Bill Maloney was born to Joseph and Hazel Maloney in Murrayville on February 10, 1930; he attended the local elementary school and later Routt Catholic High School in Jacksonville; he served overseas in the U.S. Army during the Korean War from 1952 to 1953; after his discharge, he and his wife, Lois, moved to Avon; and

WHEREAS, Bill Maloney worked as a salesman at the Neff Company, the local John Deere dealership in Avon; he later became store manager before ultimately purchasing the dealership in 1973; he also enjoyed farming and soon acquired his first acreage, to which he continuously added; and

WHEREAS, Bill Maloney was a member of St. Augustine Catholic Church for 67 years; he was also a member of the Knights of Columbus; and

WHEREAS, Bill Maloney and his wife supported many community events, especially the Avon Fat Steer Show and Cake Auction; and

WHEREAS, Bill Maloney lived a big life and enjoyed collecting antiques, traveling, and raising camels; and

WHEREAS, Bill Maloney is survived by his wife of 71 years, Lois; his children, Therese (Tom) Van Voorn, Ceci Maloney, Eric (Cilia) Maloney, Vince (Kim) Maloney, and Greg (Linda) Maloney; ten grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; one brother-in-law; two sisters-in-law; and six camels; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of Joseph William "Bill" Maloney and extend our sincere condolences to his family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to the family of Bill Maloney as an expression of our deepest sympathy.

