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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 Vernon L. "Red" Blackert Jr. of Prophetstown, who passed away on August 25, 2023; and

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WHEREAS, Red Blackert was born to Vernon Sr. and Alice (Pratt) Blackert in Tampico on February 12, 1933; he graduated from Annawan High School in 1951; he married Betty Jane Blackert on August 31, 1952; he served in the U.S. Army; and

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WHEREAS, Red Blackert founded his own construction company, where he worked for the remainder of his life; and

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WHEREAS, Red Blackert was very active in the Hooppole American Legion and the Annawan School Board; he was a member of Zion United Methodist Church in Hooppole; and

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WHEREAS, Red Blackert enjoyed hunting, fishing, horseback riding, and camping on his family's property; and

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WHEREAS, Red Blackert was preceded in death by his parents; his wife; his daughter, Pam Kostner; his great-grandson, Noah DeRycke; his brother, Jerry Blackert; and his many sisters-in-law and brothers-in-law; and

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1           WHEREAS, Red Blackert is survived by his children, Cheryl  
2           (John) DeRycke, Kirk (friend, Ann Hutchinson) Blackert, and  
3           Angela (Dean) Cantrell; his grandchildren, Cory (Michelle)  
4           DeRycke, Adam (Hope) DeRycke, Dusty (Jill) DeRycke, Jacob  
5           Cantrell, Seth Cantrell, Ethan Cantrell, Matt Kostner, and  
6           Lisa Marshall; his great-grandchildren, Nathan DeRycke, Rachel  
7           DeRycke, Kyla DeRycke, Katelyn DeRycke, Claire DeRycke,  
8           Caroline DeRycke, Cordelia DeRycke, Rayne Marshall, C.J.  
9           Kostner, and Annabella Kostner; and his siblings, Ralph  
10          (MaryAnn) Blackert, Walter Blackert, Adria Kleckner, and Linda  
11          Billiet; therefore, be it

12           RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL  
13          ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of  
14          Vernon L. "Red" Blackert Jr. and extend our sincere  
15          condolences to his family, friends, and all who knew and loved  
16          him; and be it further

17           RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
18          presented to the family of Red Blackert as an expression of our  
19          deepest sympathy.