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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 William Nelson "Bill" Elliott of Altoona, Iowa, formerly of Aledo, who passed away on September 12, 2023; and

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WHEREAS, Bill Elliott was born to Rufus and Ellen (Leonard) Elliott in Aledo on July 19, 1936; he graduated from Reynolds High School in 1954; he married Mary Jansen on June 20, 1959; he was drafted into the U.S. Army in September 1959, and he served in the 1st Cavalry Division, 8th Cavalry Battle Group in Korea; and

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WHEREAS, Bill Elliott worked as a farmer who raised hogs and cattle and grew corn, beans, and later tomatoes; he retired from farming in 2008; he went on to work at Martin Grain and then at Big River until he and his wife moved from Reynolds to Pella, Iowa in July 2020 to be closer to their daughter and son-in-law; they then moved to Altoona, Iowa in April 2023; and

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WHEREAS, Bill Elliott was a member of the Buffalo Prairie Presbyterian Church, the Kaaba Shriners, Buffalo Prairie Masonic Lodge #679, and American Legion Post 1166 in Reynolds; and

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1 WHEREAS, Bill Elliott enjoyed farming, camping, hunting,
2 traveling, snowmobiling, flying, going to sporting events, and
3 playing jokes on people; and

4 WHEREAS, Bill Elliott is survived by his wife of 64 years;
5 his daughter, Kris (Judd) Keuning; his sister, Carolyn (Larry)
6 Manley; his sister-in-law, Agnes Howell; his brothers-in-law,
7 Terry (Nedra) Lee and Bill (Maxine) Jansen; and many nieces,
8 nephews, and "adopted" children; therefore, be it

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

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