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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 Robert J. Amidon, Ph.D., of Milan, who passed away on October 27, 2023; and

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WHEREAS, Robert Amidon was born to Herbert Willis and Isabella Wilhelmina Cullison Amidon in Rock Island on November 24, 1929; he earned his undergraduate degree from the University of Illinois and his Ph.D. from the University of Iowa; he married Gertrude Petty at Taylor Ridge United Methodist Church on June 7, 1953; he served in the U.S. Navy, and he received the National Defense Medal and the Navy Occupational Medal; and

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WHEREAS, Robert Amidon worked as a systems analyst for the Rock Island Arsenal, retiring in 1985; following retirement, he taught at St. Ambrose University; and

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WHEREAS, Robert Amidon enjoyed woodworking and tinkering with many things, and he made birdhouses and several other items from wood to give to his family; he also enjoyed gardening and having a cigar while mowing; and

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WHEREAS, Robert Amidon was preceded in death by his parents and his sister, Marion Hoffiditz; and

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1 WHEREAS, Robert Amidon is survived by his wife, Gertrude
2 Amidon; his sons, Jeff (Elaine) Amidon and Bruce Amidon; his
3 granddaughters, Christina (Jerry) Cunningham and Alayna Rae
4 Amidon; his great-grandchildren, Liam and Marek Cunningham;
5 his sister, Harriette Westbrook; and his brother, Richard
6 Amidon; therefore, be it

7 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL
8 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
9 Robert J. Amidon, Ph.D. and extend our sincere condolences to
10 his family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it
11 further

12 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
13 presented to the family of Robert Amidon as an expression of
14 our deepest sympathy.