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SENATE RESOLUTION 1

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate are deeply 2 3 saddened to learn of the death of Mervin Frerichs of Armstrong, 4 who passed away on December 1, 2012; and

5 WHEREAS, Mervin Frerichs was born on August 15, 1936, to 6 John and Anna (Ackerman) Frerichs; he married Florence Siuts on 7 June 19, 1955; and

WHEREAS, Mervin Frerichs was a lifelong farmer and family man; he was a lifetime and active member of St. John Lutheran Church; he served on the church council and was a member of the choir and numerous committees; he was also a member of the Martin Luther Men's Choir; and

WHEREAS, Mervin Frerichs served 18 years as a school board member and president of the Armstrong High School Board and he was a bus driver for 25 years; he served on the Vermilion County Farm Bureau for 9 years and as a Pilot Township supervisor; he was a University of Illinois Assembly Hall usher for 25 years and was an avid St. Louis Cardinals and UI fan; and

WHEREAS, Mervin Frerichs was preceded in death by his 21 parents, John and Anna Frerichs; his stepmother, Louise 1 (Osterbur); his brother, Herbert John Frerichs; and his

- 2 step-brother, Robert Osterbur; and
- 3 WHEREAS, Mervin Frerichs is survived by his wife, Florence;
- 4 his children, Cindy (Charles) Koonce, Kerry (Annette)
- 5 Frerichs, Randy (Patricia) Frerichs, and Peggy (James)
- 6 Vermillion; his grandchildren, Shane, Jennifer, Jeremy,
- 7 Joshua, John, Katherine, Jordan, Acasia, Tyler, Kolton, and
- 8 Kylee; his great-grandchildren, Jessica, James, Emma, Giselle,
- 9 Gage, Abigail, Aleta, Evan, Ella, Emilia, and Lillian; his
- 10 step-grandchildren, Jason and Lindsay; his
- 11 step-great-grandchild, Aiden; his sisters, Ilene Ackerman,
- 12 Marilyn Frerichs, and Beverly (Lester) Wolken; his brothers,
- 13 Herbert (Lois) Frerichs and Lewis (Diana) Frerichs; and
- 14 numerous nieces and nephews; therefore, be it
- 15 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL
- 16 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
- 17 Mervin Frerichs, and we extend our sincere condolences to his
- 18 family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it
- 19 further
- 20 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
- 21 presented to the family of Mervin Frerichs as an expression of
- our deepest sympathy.