SENATE RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate are saddened to learn of the death of Gary R. Martin of Harvard, who passed away at the age of 76; and

WHEREAS, Gary Martin was born to Ernest P. and Mildred R. (Hall) Martin on September 21, 1940; he married Dolores Erckfirtz at Trinity Lutheran Church in Harvard on May 28, 1960; and

WHEREAS, Gary Martin was a lifelong dairy farmer; and

WHEREAS, In his younger years, Gary Martin loved playing softball and other sports; during the holidays, he could be found playing a game of barn ball with his family after their meals; he enjoyed watching his grandchildren play sports and other extracurricular activities; he was on the McHenry County Fair Board and a member of the Woodstock Progressives; he enjoyed having coffee with his friends at the Town and Country Restaurant; and

WHEREAS, Gary Martin was preceded in death by his wife, Dolores; his parents; and his sister, Janice Ebel; and

WHEREAS, Gary Martin is survived by his children, Deborah
(Mike) Lowry, Jeffrey (Penny) Martin, Gerald (June) Martin, James Martin, and Christina (Kevin) Blake; his grandchildren, Sarah, Faith, and Laura Lowry, Angela and Ryan Martin, Renee and Hanna Martin, Caroline and Benedicte Martin, and Casandra and Kobe Blake; his close family friends, Michelle Meyers, and Charlotte Fage Flug; and his siblings, Judy (Richard) Koch, David Martin, and Mike (Penny) Martin; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of Gary R. Martin, 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 Gary Martin as an expression of our deepest sympathy.

