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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 Wayne A. Conrady of Lincoln, who passed away on October 29, 2017; and

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WHEREAS, Wayne Conrady was born in Lincoln to Benjamin Franklin and Viola Ferne McChesney Conrady; he graduated from Hartsburg-Emden High School and attended Lincoln College; he married Lois Elaine Paulus on October 7, 1951; and

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WHEREAS, Wayne Conrady was the owner and operator of Big Oak Farms and Big Oak Hunting Paradise; his life and career were spent working with livestock, raising crops, and advocating for the rural community, agriculture, and natural resources; and

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WHEREAS, Wayne Conrady was a member of several local organizations, including the Lincoln Jaycees, the Logan County Board, of which he was chairman for four years, the Land of Lincoln Workforce Board, the Lincoln Elks, the Logan County Agriculture Toastmasters, the Logan County Soil and Water District, the Logan County Pork Producers, the Illinois Pork Producers, the Logan County Angus Association, and the American Angus Association; he also served as an agriculture advisor to USDA Secretary Edward Madigan and as the Director of the

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1 American Angus Association; and

2 WHEREAS, Wayne Conrady won several awards for his
3 contributions to the agriculture industry and his community,
4 including Outstanding Young Farmer and the Lincoln Courier Man
5 of the Year; and

6 WHEREAS, Wayne Conrady's love for life was fueled by his
7 active support of his children, grandchildren, and
8 great-grandchildren; he was a loyal fan of the Hartem Stags,
9 the Lincoln Railers, the Midwest Central Raiders, and, most
10 recently, the Mount Pulaski Bruins; he enjoyed attending
11 livestock shows and the Farm Progress Show, where he was able
12 to see his grandsons' contributions to the agriculture
13 industry; he was an active member of St. John United Church of
14 Christ, where he served on the church council and in other
15 leadership roles; his greatest joys were food, fun, and
16 laughter; and

17 WHEREAS, Wayne Conrady was preceded in death by his wife,
18 Lois; his parents; his brother, Harold (Margaret) Conrady; his
19 brother-in-law, Wilbur Paulus; and his son-in-law, Daniel
20 Hayes; and

21 WHEREAS, Wayne Conrady is survived by his children, Elaine
22 Conrady, Carla (Greg) Jurgenson, Jan (Mark) Schleder, Gary

1 (Valerie) Conrady; and Greg (Lisa) Conrady; his grandchildren,
2 Ryan (Lyndi) Alberts, Alissa (Rob) Smith, Theresa (Justin)
3 Kegley, Leanne (Dan) Walton, Caleb (Jordan) Schleder, Sawyer,
4 Schuyler, and Sage Conrady, and Cody, Savannah, Wyatt, and
5 Shyanne Conrady; his nine great-grandchildren; his brothers,
6 Gene (Joyce) Conrady and Benjamin (Rosemary) Conrady; and his
7 sister-in-law, Alice Paulus; therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDREDTH GENERAL
9 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
10 Wayne A. Conrady and extend our sincere condolences to his
11 family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it
12 further

13 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
14 presented to the family of Wayne Conrady as an expression of
15 our deepest sympathy.