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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 R. Thomas "Tom" Heinhorst of Mahomet, who passed away on April 11, 2019; and

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WHEREAS, Tom Heinhorst was born in Peoria to Ralph E. and Alberta Thomas Heinhorst on March 29, 1941; he was raised on a farm near Forest City in rural Mason County; he began his primary education at the one-room Red Oak School and then graduated from Easton Community High School; he received his bachelor of science degree from the University of Illinois College of Agriculture in January of 1960; in 1984, he continued his education at the National Graduate Trust School at Northwestern University and graduated with the highest honors; and

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WHEREAS, Tom Heinhorst began his career as a farm manager and rural appraiser on January 27, 1964; he became the vice president and trust officer of the Champaign National Bank in February 1979; he was named vice president and trust officer of the Champaign National Bank Farm Department, a position he also held at BankIllinois and Main Street Bank & Trust; he retired as the senior vice president of Ag Services at Busey Bank in March 2010; and

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1 WHEREAS, Tom Heinhorst earned the Accredited Farm Manager
2 (AFM) designation from the American Society of Farm Managers
3 and Rural Appraisers in Ames, Iowa in 1969; he also earned the
4 Accredited Rural Appraiser (ARA) designation from the American
5 Society of Farm Managers and Rural Appraisers in Lexington,
6 Kentucky in 1970; and

7 WHEREAS, Tom Heinhorst was a member of the Estate planning
8 Council of Eastern Illinois, the American Society of Farm
9 Managers and Rural Appraisers, and the Champaign Chamber of
10 Commerce; he received recognition from the American Society of
11 Professional Farm Managers and Rural Appraisers for his 50 year
12 membership; he served as president of the Estate Planning
13 Council of Eastern Illinois, treasurer of the Champaign County
14 Fourth of July Freedom Celebration Inc., and president of the
15 Champaign-Urbana Jaycees; he was awarded the JCI senatorship by
16 Champaign-Urbana Jaycees on June 1976; he was a lifelong
17 learner and upon retirement began taking OLLI classes at the
18 University of Illinois; and

19 WHEREAS, Tom Heinhorst was a member of the University Place
20 Christian Church, where he was a past elder, deacon, and
21 trustee; most recently, he attended the Mahomet Christian
22 Church; and

23 WHEREAS, Tom Heinhorst was preceded in death by his parents

1 and his first wife, Peggy J. Bailey; and

2 WHEREAS, Tom Heinhorst is survived by his wife, Martha; his
3 children, Julie Boyd, Jodi Heinhorst, Jason Heinhorst, and
4 Jennifer Heinhorst; his grandchildren, Cecilia, Jared,
5 Allyson, and Joelle; his sister, Sue Meisner; and his
6 brother-in-law, Johnie Meisner; therefore, be it

7 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL
8 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
9 R. Thomas "Tom" Heinhorst 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 Tom Heinhorst as an expression of
14 our deepest sympathy.