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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 Charles "Norman" Brown Jr. of Normal, who passed away on December 10, 2019; and

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WHEREAS, Norman Brown was born in Ames, Iowa to Verna Eunice Hughes and Charles Norman Brown Sr. on January 2, 1930; he graduated from Ames High School in 1947, where he served as class president and participated in athletics; he graduated from Iowa State University in 1951 with a Bachelor of Science and in 1953 with a Master of Science in Agronomy; he was tapped for the Cardinal Key, the highest honor for men, and served as president of the University YMCA and Delta Upsilon Fraternity; he sang in numerous quartets and choirs; he married Ruth K.L. Andersen in 1952; and

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WHEREAS, Following four years of ROTC, Norman Brown was inducted into the U.S. Air Force as a second lieutenant in 1953, where he completed pilot flight training; he was a veteran of the Cold War, the Korean War, and the Vietnam War, retiring as lieutenant colonel and command pilot in 1973; he lived in 10 states and four overseas countries and visited many others; and

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WHEREAS, Norman Brown flew corporate aircraft for the

1 General Telephone Co. (Verizon) from the Bloomington airport  
2 for 15 years; his piloting career consisted of approximately  
3 13,000 flights in aircraft from the little yellow Piper Cub to  
4 the eight engine B-52 bomber; his photo with a GTE Beech  
5 airplane was on the cover of Professional Pilot Magazine in  
6 1987; and

7 WHEREAS, Norman Brown worked for decades with his family in  
8 real estate and farming; he was a longtime member of Calvary  
9 United Methodist Church in Normal, serving in various  
10 capacities; he also participated in the Ecumenical Walk to  
11 Emmaus/Great Banquet, including its prison ministries; he was a  
12 longtime member of Illinois State University Senior  
13 Professionals and the College Alumni Club, where he served as  
14 president; he sang in the choir for the Bloomington American  
15 Passion Play for 15 years; and

16 WHEREAS, Norman Brown married Carolyn Lee Kuhlman in 2002;  
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18 WHEREAS, Norman Brown enjoyed time with family and friends,  
19 farming, hunting, aviation, motor vehicles, music, Christian  
20 ministries, travel, and reading; he especially liked motorized  
21 machines and kept several antique vehicles running; he restored  
22 and maintained the home, buildings, and grounds on the  
23 farmstead where his family has lived since 1986; he graciously

1 shared the farmstead with other individuals and groups,  
2 including for weddings and picnics; and

3 WHEREAS, Norman Brown was preceded in death by his wife of  
4 44 years, Ruth; his parents; his sister, Elsie Huber; his  
5 brother, Wayne Brown; and his son-in-law, Bill Shewman; and

6 WHEREAS, Norman Brown is survived by his wife, Carolyn; his  
7 brother, Keith Brown; his children, Tannia Shewman, Laurine  
8 Brown, Blaine (Susan) Brown, and Clinton (Debbie) Brown; his  
9 grandchildren, Nada (Jeremy) Stahmer, Melea (Spencer) Tejedas,  
10 Dane (Jasmine) Shewman, Shelby (Isaac) Heath, Preston,  
11 Cheylane, Alia, and Rianne Brown, and Ian, Bryce, Evan, and  
12 Brynn Kuhlman; his great-grandchildren, Ruthie, Zac, Liam, and  
13 Landon Stahmer, Anistyn and Levi Heath, and Ayla Shewman; and  
14 his stepsons, Robert (Melissa) and Charles Kuhlman; therefore,  
15 be it

16 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL  
17 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of  
18 Charles "Norman" Brown Jr. and extend our sincere condolences  
19 to his family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be  
20 it further

21 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
22 presented to the family of Norman Brown as an expression of our

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1 deepest sympathy.