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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 J. Gordon Hannagan of Gifford, who passed away on October 19, 2012; and

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WHEREAS, J. Gordon Hannagan was born on March 12, 1931, in Urbana; he was the son of A.J. and Elizabeth (Gordon) Hannagan; he married Janice Fager on August 25, 1955, in Havana; and

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WHEREAS, J. Gordon Hannagan was a graduate of Central High School in Champaign and the Rupert School of Auctioneering in Decatur, Indiana; he also attended the University of Illinois for a year; and

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WHEREAS, J. Gordon Hannagan traveled throughout the United States and Canada selling American Quarter Horses at public auction; during his lifetime, he sold over 80,000 acres of land in Champaign County and surrounding area at public auction; he and his wife were the owners and operators of Gordyville, USA, an equine auction and event center; and

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WHEREAS, J. Gordon Hannagan was inducted into the American Quarter Horse and Illinois Quarter Horse Halls of Fame; he was an avid horse breeder and trader who had an eye for superior blood lines and raised numerous champions; and

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1 WHEREAS, J. Gordon Hannagan was a member of St. Lawrence
2 Church, the Illinois Auctioneers Association, the National
3 Auctioneers Association, the National Reining Horse
4 Association, the American Quarter Horse Association, and the
5 National Cutting Horse Association; and

6 WHEREAS, J. Gordon Hannagan was preceded in death by his
7 parents; 4 brothers and 4 sisters; and his granddaughter, Emily
8 Rae Hannagan; and

9 WHEREAS, J. Gordon Hannagan is survived by his wife,
10 Janice; his children, Mary Hannagan, John G. "Bud" (Hillary)
11 Hannagan, Patty (Randy) Frerichs, Eddie (Lisa) Hannagan, Jody
12 (Jay) Quiram, and Jimmy (Angie) Hannagan; his sister, Margaret
13 Wheeler; his grandchildren, Lindsay (Travis) Berlatsky, Kate
14 (Travis) Youmans, Jordan Frerichs, Drew Hannagan, Zackary
15 Hannagan, Taylor Hannagan, Jay Gordon Quiram, Rowdy and Cooper
16 Hannagan, Cale Quiram, and Carson Hannagan; and his
17 great-granddaughter, Olivia Berlatsky; therefore, be it

18 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL
19 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn, along with
20 his family and friends, the passing of J. Gordon Hannagan; and
21 be it further

1 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
2 presented to the family of J. Gordon Hannagan as an expression
3 of our sympathy.