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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 John Edward Rednour, Sr., former mayor of Du Quoin, who passed away on December 1, 2013; and

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WHEREAS, John Rednour, Sr. was born on December 20, 1934 in Percy to Ora Earl "Job" and Margaret (nee Masters) Rednour; he married Wanda Lou Hepp on October 11, 1952 in Pocahontas, Arkansas; and

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WHEREAS, John Rednour, Sr. started his career as an ironworker before he founded his own business, Rednour Steel, in Cutler; he also had ownership in the newspaper, CaterVend in Du Quoin, in Air Illinois Airlines, in R and H Steel Erectors, and in Du Quoin State Bank; and

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WHEREAS, John Rednour, Sr. served as mayor of Du Quoin from 1989 to 2013; he was very active in politics and also served as Perry County Commissioner, Chairman of the State of Illinois Democratic Party, Chairman and member of the Illinois State Police Merit Board, and as a top ranking delegate for the Democratic National Committee for more than 30 years; and

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WHEREAS, John Rednour, Sr. enjoyed traveling throughout the world and was always ready to take a vacation with family

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1 and friends; he was a Shriner and a member of the Trico School
2 Board; and

3 WHEREAS, John Rednour, Sr. was preceded in death by his
4 parents, and by his brother, Clifford Rednour; and

5 WHEREAS, John Rednour, Sr. is survived by his wife of 61
6 years, Wanda; his daughters, Kathy (Jim) Campanella and Janice
7 (Kevin) Pyle; his son, John (Laurie) Rednour, Jr.; his
8 grandchildren, Jordan, Calen, Jill (Jason) VanZandt, Holden,
9 Lauren (Daniel) Cashion, and John Rednour, III; his
10 great-grandchildren, Drayke, Karah, and Mallory Cashion and
11 Jaxon, Jameson, and Jake VanZandt; his brother, Frank
12 (Virginia) Burke; his brothers-in-law, Frank Hepp, Dennis
13 Hepp, and Larry Hepp; his sister-in-law, Minta Hepp; and many
14 nieces and nephews; therefore, be it

15 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL
16 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
17 John Edward Rednour, Sr., and extend our sincere condolences to
18 his family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it
19 further

20 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy this resolution be presented
21 to the family of John Rednour, Sr. as an expression of our
22 deepest sympathy.