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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 Samuel H. "Sam" Porter of Ipava, who passed away on January 17, 2025; and

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WHEREAS, Sam Porter was born in Macomb to Paul and Lela (Howell) Porter on September 21, 1934; he served in the U.S. Navy during the Korean War from 1952 to 1955; he married Linda Tyler in Ipava on October 14, 1956; and

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WHEREAS, Sam Porter was a lifelong row crop farmer, cattleman, and inventor; and

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WHEREAS, Sam Porter was a member of the Ipava Presbyterian Church for 78 years; he was also a member of the Ipava Fire Department, Ipava American Legion Post #17, the V.I.T. School Board, and the Fulton County Farm Bureau; and

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WHEREAS, Sam Porter stayed busy with work and community involvement, but he also took time to enjoy the small things in life; he enjoyed playing cards, attending the Fulton County Fair, and being the target of his best buddy Durg's practical jokes; he and his wife enjoyed attending their grandchildren's activities, including livestock shows and sporting events, often attending multiple events in one day; they enjoyed

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1 traveling with friends, especially with the Ipava dune buggy
2 crew to Branson, Missouri; and

3 WHEREAS, Sam Porter was preceded in death by his parents;
4 his siblings, Bill Porter, Kathryn Miller, and Mary Keefauver;
5 his daughter, Christie Kaye Porter; and his sister-in-law,
6 Janette Porter; and

7 WHEREAS, Sam Porter is survived by his wife, Linda; his
8 children, Craig (Cindy) Porter, Brian (Lonna) Porter, and
9 Brenda (Dave) Crouse; his grandchildren, Katrina (Brian)
10 Hartsock, Derek (Nicole) Porter, Levi (Abby) Porter, Kristen
11 (Mike) Peters, Laci (Ryan) Hildebrand, Clay (Kelsey) Crouse,
12 and Kylie (Seth) Kessler; his great-grandchildren, Ava
13 Hartsock, Evan Hartsock, Leah Porter, Mya Porter, Fulton
14 Peters, Rhett Peters, Lainey Peters, and Crew Kessler; his
15 sister-in-law, Nancy Porter; and his brothers-in-law, Norm
16 Miller and Don Keefauver; therefore, be it

17 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL
18 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
19 Samuel H. "Sam" Porter and extend our sincere condolences to
20 his family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it
21 further

22 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be

1 presented to the family of Sam Porter as an expression of our
2 deepest sympathy.