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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 Steven D. Richardson of Jacksonville, who passed away on February 9, 2025; and

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WHEREAS, Steven Richardson, the son of Donald and Mildred (Middleton) Richardson, was born in Jacksonville on August 8, 1945; he graduated from Jacksonville High School in 1963; he attended the University of Illinois before being drafted into the U.S. Army in 1965, where he served in the 9th Infantry Division and the Mobile Riverine Force in Vietnam, was an expert marksman with an M14 rifle, and received the National Defense Service Medal, the Vietnam Service Medal, the Vietnam Campaign Medal, and the Army Commendation Medal; he later married Diane (Pride) Waldon in 1988, and she preceded him in death in 2023; and

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WHEREAS, Steven Richardson, after returning home in 1967, worked with his father, Donald, and his brother, Charles, on the family farm located west of Jacksonville; he was a lifelong farmer until his health prevented him from continuing; during his career, he was proud to have bred and raised Shorthorn cattle; and

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WHEREAS, Steven Richardson was a member of the Elks Lodge

1 in Jacksonville, served on many agriculture-related boards and
2 committees, and attended Wesley Chapel United Methodist
3 Church; and

4 WHEREAS, Steven Richardson was a St. Louis Cardinals and
5 Illini fan; he loved spending time with his family, and he was
6 an incredibly proud grandfather who loved attending his
7 grandchildren's sporting events; and

8 WHEREAS, Steven Richardson was preceded in death by his
9 parents; his wife; brother in infancy, Dale Richardson; and
10 his sister, Martha Kleinschmidt; and

11 WHEREAS, Steven Richardson is survived by his children,
12 Rachelle (Pat) Morrisey, Travis (Lisa Hannant) Richardson, and
13 Elizabeth (Scott Moshage) Richardson; his stepson, Nathan
14 (Jill Bruington) Waldon; six grandchildren; his siblings,
15 Carol (Larry) Ferguson and Charles (Darlene) Richardson; and
16 several nieces and nephews; 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 Steven D. Richardson and extend our sincere condolences to his
20 family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it
21 further

1 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
2 presented to the family of Steven Richardson as an expression
3 of our deepest sympathy.