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1 SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate are saddened to learn of the death of Donald Louis "Don" Rogers of Pleasant Plains, who passed away on April 4, 2025; and

5 WHEREAS, Don Rogers, the son of Alfred W. and Dorothy C. 6 (Feldworth) Rogers, was born in Granite City on May 22, 1937; 7 he attended Little Flower Grade School; he graduated from 8 Cathedral Boys High School in 1955; he was drafted into the 9 U.S. Army, serving with the 51st Infantry Marksmanship Team, 10 where he was a decorated "swing man" and won several 11 marksmanship championships; he married Mary Ann Peidl in Springfield on May 15, 1965; and 12

WHEREAS, Don Rogers worked as a heavy equipment operator with Operating Engineers Local 965, retiring after 40 years of service; and

WHEREAS, Don Rogers was an avid outdoorsman who loved hunting, fishing, and training bird dogs with his brother, Bill; he enjoyed savoring a cold drink at the end of a hard day's work; and

20 WHEREAS, Don Rogers always made time to coach his 21 daughters' soccer and softball teams and to lend a helping

- 1 hand on projects for family and friends; he spent his
- 2 retirement years attending his grandchildren's sports events
- 3 and making his family his number one priority; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Don Rogers was preceded in death by his parents;
- 5 his brothers, Michael D. Rogers and Daniel C. Rogers; his
- 6 siblings-in-law, Bernice Rogers and William C. Schuchardt Sr.;
- 7 his nephews, William C. Schuchardt Jr. and Mason Rogers; and
- 8 his niece, Melissa E. Rogers; and
- 9 WHEREAS, Don Rogers is survived by his wife of 59 years,
- 10 Mary Ann; his daughters, Brenda K. Rogers and Laura A. Rogers;
- 11 four grandchildren; two great-grandsons; his siblings, William
- 12 D. Rogers, Dennis S. (Carol) Rogers, Diane G. Rogers, Douglas
- 13 L. (Chris) Rogers, David B. (Jennifer) Rogers, Debra S. (Bill)
- 14 Greenan, and Duane A. Rogers; and over 50 nieces and nephews;
- 15 therefore, be it
- 16 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL
- 17 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
- 18 Donald Louis "Don" Rogers 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 Don Rogers as an expression of our

1 deepest sympathy.