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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 Robert L. "Bob" Harder of Altamont, who passed away on June 8, 2025; and

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WHEREAS, Bob Harder, the son of Casey and Madonna (Brandt) Harder, was born in Shumway on August 30, 1937; he graduated from Altamont Community High School in 1955 and Eastern Illinois University in 1959, where he was a member of the university's track team; he married Shirley Galloway at Altamont First United Methodist Church on August 18, 1957, and they had three children; and

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WHEREAS, Bob Harder was a retired junior high school teacher who previously taught at schools in Toledo and Altamont; he also served as a clerk for the Francis Auction Company, assisted at Giesecking Funeral Home, and owned The Mowing Company; and

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WHEREAS, Bob Harder was a member of Altamont First United Methodist Church and a former member of the Altamont Volunteer Fire Department and the Effingham County Fair Board; for his commitment to serving his community, he was named Altamont's Citizen of the Year in 2003; and

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1 WHEREAS, Bob Harder enjoyed participating in family
2 activities, camping, traveling, coaching and starting track
3 meets for Altamont Community High School, and keeping the
4 clock for basketball games at Altamont Grade School; he also
5 enjoyed daily visits with some of his great-granddogs, Molly,
6 Aunt Beatrice, Bear, Bandit, Huxley, and Nellie; and

7 WHEREAS, Bob Harder, affectionately known as "Pop", will
8 be remembered as a hardworking, dedicated man who cared deeply
9 for his family and community; and

10 WHEREAS, Bob Harder was preceded in death by his parents;
11 his brother, James Harder; his sisters-in-law, Jacquelynn
12 Harder and Cecilia "Sis" Harder; his brothers-in-law, Donald
13 Eugene (in infancy) and Monte H. Galloway; and his
14 parents-in-law, Wiley H. and Marion (Brooks) Galloway; and

15 WHEREAS, Bob Harder is survived by his wife of 67 years,
16 Shirley; his children, Rob Harder, Sara Harder, and Kara
17 (Jeff) Miller; two grandchildren; one great-grandson; his
18 siblings, Carol (Gene) Dammerman and David Harder; his
19 sister-in-law, Susanne Galloway; several nieces and nephews;
20 and his special friends, Danielle (Adam) Mayhaus and Cal and
21 Wyatt (Elise) Vaughn; therefore, be it

22 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL

1 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
2 Robert L. "Bob" Harder and extend our sincere condolences to
3 his family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it
4 further

5 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
6 presented to the family of Bob Harder as an expression of our
7 deepest sympathy.