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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 Donald E. "Don" McCleary of Liberty, who passed away on December 3, 2025; and

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WHEREAS, Don McCleary, the son of Harry Clifford and Coletta Mary (Wiewel) McCleary, was born in Quincy on April 7, 1946; he graduated from Liberty High School in 1964; he married Diana Linda Morley at St. Brigid Catholic Church on August 16, 1969; and

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WHEREAS, Don McCleary was a lifelong farmer, and he always appreciated the blessing of a good rain on the crops; and

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WHEREAS, Don McCleary was a member of St. Peter Catholic Church in Quincy and a former 70-year member of St. Brigid Catholic Church in Liberty; he was a member of the Adams County Farm Bureau, the Liberty Education Foundation, the Adams County Soil and Water Conservation Committee, and the former Adams County Pork Producers; he was a member of the Liberty Lions Club for 44 years, and he served on Liberty Community District #2 School Board for 34 years and the Adams County Board for six years; he also served as a former president of St. Brigid Church's Holy Name Society and as chairman of the Building and Grounds Committee; and

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1 WHEREAS, Don McCleary was named the Adams County
2 Outstanding Young Farmer in 1979, and he received fourth place
3 in the Illinois Outstanding Young Farmer in 1979, the Illinois
4 School Board's Award of Excellence in 1993, the Quincy
5 Herald-Whig Farm Family of the Year 1997, and the Liberty High
6 School Eagle Hall of Fame's the Friend of Liberty Award; and

7 WHEREAS, Don McCleary loved attending his grandchildren's
8 events and spending time visiting and vacationing with friends
9 and family; and

10 WHEREAS, Don McCleary was preceded in death by his parents
11 and his brother, Robert McCleary; and

12 WHEREAS, Don McCleary is survived by his wife of 56 years,
13 Diana; his children, Dawn (Joe) Ormond, Debbie (Doug) Johnson,
14 Darin (Nikki) McCleary, and David (Janice) McCleary; eight
15 grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; his sister-in-law,
16 Judy McCleary; one nephew and one niece; and several
17 great-nieces and great-nephews; therefore, be it

18 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL
19 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
20 Donald E. "Don" McCleary and extend our sincere condolences to

1 his family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it
2 further

3 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
4 presented to the family of Don McCleary as an expression of our
5 deepest sympathy.