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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 Wayne Allen Gurnsey, who passed away on January 1, 2026; and

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WHEREAS, Wayne Gurnsey was born to James Gurnsey and Hazel (Colston) Gurnsey on September 26, 1948; he was raised in rural Cass County; he married Patricia Ann "Trish" Standish at St. Basil's Church in Chandlerville on July 2, 1971; and

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WHEREAS, Wayne Gurnsey, after farming for many years, began working for People's State Bank in Chandlerville, and he concluded his career at Petefish, Skiles & Co. Bank; and

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WHEREAS, Wayne Gurnsey Wayne was a 32nd Degree Mason and a member of Chandlerville Masonic Lodge 724; and

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WHEREAS, Wayne Gurnsey enjoyed basketball and baseball, and he loved traveling across the United States with his wife, golfing with his sons and his friends, spending time with his family, showing cattle, and farming; and

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WHEREAS, Wayne Gurnsey, affectionately known as "Papa Wayne" to his grandchildren, was immensely proud of his family and loved them fiercely; he will be remembered for his

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1 dependable, gentle, and patient nature; and

2 WHEREAS, Wayne Gurnsey was preceded in death by his
3 parents and his nephew, Sam; and

4 WHEREAS, Wayne Gurnsey is survived by his wife of 54
5 years, Patricia Ann Gurnsey; his sons, Aaron Wayne (Sarah
6 Kink) Gurnsey and Neil Allen (Janelle) Gurnsey; five
7 grandchildren; three bonus grandchildren; his sister, Sheila
8 (Charlie) Burton; one niece; one great-niece; two
9 great-nephews; and his siblings-in-law and their families;
10 therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL
12 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
13 Wayne Allen Gurnsey and extend our sincere condolences to his
14 family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it
15 further

16 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
17 presented to the family of Wayne Gurnsey as an expression of
18 our deepest sympathy.