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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 Andy Jack Bolsen, who passed away on February 14, 2026; and

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WHEREAS, Andy Bolsen was born to Floyd Virgil "Short" Bolsen and Anna Jane (Harrell) Bolsen on June 10, 1954; he was raised in rural Moultrie County; he married Tina Marie Williams at First Christian Church in Lovington on March 1, 1980; and

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WHEREAS, Andy Bolsen helped lead the family farm after the untimely passing of his father; he also worked for Fathauer Grainland, where he designed, tested, and created multiple devices, including a seed blower, a tractor mounted auger, and a grain truck conversion, before retiring in March 2025; and

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WHEREAS, Andy Bolsen was a lifelong member of the Illinois Farm Bureau, serving as president of the Moultrie County Farm Bureau from 2014 through November 2025; he attended the Annual Farm Bureau Convention for many years, where he often spoke on the delegate floor and helped pass the professional membership class; and

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WHEREAS, Andy Bolsen spent more than 15 years working with

1 and supporting area county fairs as his daughters showed
2 livestock, and he served on the boards of the
3 Moultrie-Sullivan County and Piatt County Fair for years; he
4 founded and led the Piatt County Antique Outlaw Tractor Pull
5 for more than a decade; and

6 WHEREAS, Andy Bolsen's pride and joy were his family,
7 especially his children and grandchildren, who affectionately
8 referred to him as "Papa", among other nicknames; and

9 WHEREAS, Andy Bolsen was preceded in death by his parents;
10 his brothers, Floyd Virgil Bolsen Jr. and Jake (Jan) Bolsen;
11 and numerous aunts, uncles, and cousins; and

12 WHEREAS, Andy Bolsen is survived by his wife of 45 years,
13 Tina; his daughters, Heather Martin, Marissa (Nick) Fluture,
14 and Christina (James) Gillen; nine grandchildren; his sisters,
15 Meredith (Richard) Rudolphi, Carolyn (Paul) Millar, and Cathie
16 (David) Adcock; one uncle; and numerous nieces, nephews, and
17 cousins; 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 Andy Jack Bolsen and extend our sincere condolences to his
21 family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it
22 further

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