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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 Roy D. Hopper of Canton, who passed away on January 1, 2026; and

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WHEREAS, Roy Hopper was born April 26, 1938; he graduated from Canton High School in 1956, earned his associate's degree from Spoon River College in 1968, and served in the United States Army; and

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WHEREAS, Roy Hopper retired from the accounting department of International Harvester in 1993; and

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WHEREAS, Roy Hopper was best known for his vast knowledge of Central Illinois sports spanning the past 100 years and for his 40 years of officiating local basketball, baseball, and softball games; he coauthored From Plowboys to Little Giants: A History of Canton Basketball in 2008; he was the former president of the Canton Little Giant Booster Club and a founding member of the Canton Sports Hall of Fame, and he was awarded the Vic Sereno Contribution to Youth Award by the Canton Family YMCA in 2024; and

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WHEREAS, Roy Hopper was a member of the Masonic Lodge, the Canton Area Heritage Center, and the Canton American Legion,

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1 where he was a past commander; and

2 WHEREAS, Roy Hopper was preceded in death by his son,
3 Rodney, and three brothers, Norman, Dale, and Don; and

4 WHEREAS, Roy Hopper is survived by his wife of 60 years,
5 Rachel; his son, Randy (Tory) Hopper; his daughter, Rhonda
6 (Ed) Georgieff; three grandchildren; and two
7 great-grandchildren; therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL
9 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
10 Roy D. Hopper and extend our sincere condolences to his
11 family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it
12 further

13 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
14 presented to the family of Roy Hopper as an expression of our
15 deepest sympathy.