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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 R. "Bob" Bigford of Rock Island, who passed away on September 17, 2018; and

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WHEREAS, Bob Bigford was born in Moline to Ray and Susan Cloyd Bigford on May 12, 1937; he graduated from Alleman High School in 1956 and married Louise M. De Pooter in Moline on February 7, 1959; he served in the U.S. Army National Guard and Army Reserve; and

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WHEREAS, Bob Bigford was employed with Oscar Mayer for 37 years; he also served on the Rock Island County Board for 15 years; and

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WHEREAS, Bob Bigford was a member of the St. Ambrose Catholic Church in Milan, where he was a former Eucharistic Minister and usher; he was a member and past Grand Knight of St. Ambrose Knights of Columbus; his other memberships included the Milan American Legion, the Viking Club, and the Friends Circle as a Golden Member; he enjoyed golfing, fishing, and being with family and friends; and

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WHEREAS, Bob Bigford was recognized as a Community Hero by the John Deere Classic in 2017 for his many decades of

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1 volunteer service with the John Deere Classic, his church, area
2 organizations, and his support of Special Persons Encounter
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4 WHEREAS, Bob Bigford was preceded in death by his parents
5 and his son-in-law, Jack Prouty; and

6 WHEREAS, Bob Bigford is survived by his wife, Louise; his
7 children, Robert (Michelle) Bigford, Valerie Prouty, Karen
8 (Steve) Goff, Jessica (Russ) Adamson, and Sergeant First Class
9 Bradley (Becky) Bigford; 11 grandchildren; eight
10 great-grandchildren; his sisters, Jackie Caudill and Ruth
11 Sarley; and many nieces, nephews, and additional family
12 members; therefore, be it

13 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDREDTH GENERAL
14 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
15 Robert R. "Bob" Bigford and extend our sincere condolences to
16 his family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it
17 further

18 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
19 presented to the family of Bob Bigford as an expression of our
20 deepest sympathy.