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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 Dennis Keith Matthews of Nokomis, who passed away on October 17, 2019; and

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WHEREAS, Dennis Matthews was born during the Great Depression on January 13, 1935 in rural Fillmore to Lonnie I. and Opal R. (Funderburk) Matthews; and

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WHEREAS, During the 1950s, Dennis Matthews worked for a variety of neighboring farmers and with his dad on the family farm; he took a job at Allis Chalmers in Springfield and married Joyce A. Volk on December 1, 1957; they made rural Nokomis their home for 61 years; and

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WHEREAS, During the 1960s, Dennis Matthews continued working at Allis Chalmers and farming; farming became full time for him in the early 1970s with the addition of a swine operation; his son Daniel began farming alongside him in the 1980s; and

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WHEREAS, Dennis Matthews was active in the community with 4-H, the Nokomis School Board, the Nokomis School Booster Club, the local grain elevator board, the Nokomis Lions Club, the Masons, the Shriners, the MJM Rural Electric board, and Meals

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1 on Wheels; he was elected Nokomis Township Supervisor; and

2 WHEREAS, Dennis Matthews was a strong person and a giving
3 human being; he was funny, mischievous, and hardworking and
4 expected everyone who worked with him to have a dedicated work
5 ethic; most of all, he loved his family and friends; and

6 WHEREAS, Dennis Matthews was preceded in death by his
7 parents; and

8 WHEREAS, Dennis Matthews is survived by his wife, Joyce;
9 his brother, Darwin D. (Brenda J.) Matthews; his children,
10 Daniel Keith (Sydney Risser) Matthews and Dorothy Kay (John)
11 Padgett; his grandchildren, Jessica (Adam) Avera, Wesley
12 (Jenna) Matthews, Donald Padgett, and Keith Padgett; his
13 great-grandchildren, Sophie Stombaugh, Karter Kirkendoll, and
14 Maddox Matthews; numerous nieces and nephews; and many special
15 friends who are like family; therefore, be it

16 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL
17 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
18 Dennis Keith Matthews and extend our sincere condolences to his
19 family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it
20 further

21 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be

1 presented to the family of Dennis Matthews as an expression of
2 our deepest sympathy.