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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 Eugene D. "Gene" Heller of El Paso, who passed away on October 27, 2019; and

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WHEREAS, Gene Heller was born in Secor to Martin "Bud" and Louise Schieber Heller on November 19, 1929; he served in the U.S. Army during the Korean War and married Doris A. Wadsworth in El Paso on October 1, 1950; and

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WHEREAS, Gene Heller and Doris founded Heller Ford in El Paso in February of 1957; he served as chairman of Ford Dealers Advertising Funds; and

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WHEREAS, Gene Heller was a member of Trinity Lutheran Church of El Paso, where he served as an elder; he was named El Paso Senior Citizen of the Year; and

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WHEREAS, Gene Heller was preceded in death by his wife, Doris; his parents; and his brother, Paul Heller; and

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WHEREAS, Gene Heller is survived by his daughters, Cheryl (Jim) Higgins and Amy (Brian) Copple; his sons, Dan (Karen) Heller and Marty (Shelly) Heller; his exchange student, Alfredo "Chicho" (Tricia) Fernandez; his grandchildren, Brandi

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1 Higgins, Neil (Jennifer) Heller, Adam (Jaclyn) Heller, Moli
2 (Alex) Koulos, Jake (Jordan Johns) Heller, Matt Copple, and
3 Meghan Heller; and his great-grandchildren, Halle, Henry,
4 Harrison, and Hayden Heller, plus two more on the way;
5 therefore, be it

6 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL
7 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
8 Eugene D. "Gene" Heller and extend our sincere condolences to
9 his family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it
10 further

11 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
12 presented to the family of Gene Heller as an expression of our
13 deepest sympathy.