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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 George Duane Tomlinson of West Frankfort, who passed away on January 23, 2020; and

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WHEREAS, George Tomlinson was born to George and Bernice Tomlinson in Benton on January 6, 1931; during his high school years he worked with his uncle on the Tomlinson Windy Hills Farms; he graduated from Frankfort Community High School in 1948 and then attended Iowa State University, where he earned a bachelor's degree in animal husbandry in 1952; he then served two years in the U.S. Army; and

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WHEREAS, George Tomlinson developed a deep experience, expertise, and reputation as a cattleman; for more than 70 years, he spent almost every day of his life on the land; he remained actively involved in the management of Tomlinson Windy Hill Farms until his death and was highly regarded regionally, statewide, and nationally as a leader in the purebred Black Angus cattle industry; and

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WHEREAS, For a brief period, George Tomlinson was senior vice president and director at the First Community Bank of West Frankfort; always with a heart for farmers, he spent much of his time there assisting farmers with financing and

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2 WHEREAS, George Tomlinson was a proud member of the West
3 Frankfort Lions Club and the West Frankfort Moose Club and
4 served on the Franklin County Soil and Water Conservation Board
5 and the Greater Egypt Regional Planning and Development
6 Commission; he served for many years on the West Frankfort
7 Community Council, of which his uncle "Tommy" Tomlinson was a
8 founding member; and

9 WHEREAS, George Tomlinson had an enduring sense of
10 curiosity and was well versed on any subject; he was an avid
11 reader and enjoyed watching documentaries, sports and the news;
12 he loved tending to his fruit trees and flowers; he was a
13 lifelong learner with a clear and active mind until the end;
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15 WHEREAS, George Tomlinson was preceded in death by his wife
16 of 57 years, Deanna (Sukoski); his parents, George and Bernice
17 Tomlinson; and his younger siblings, John "David" Tomlinson and
18 Jean Ann Patterson; and

19 WHEREAS, George Tomlinson is survived by his children,
20 Martha (Bob) Tomlinson Gusentine, George Prentiss Tomlinson,
21 and Thomas "Tommy" Edward Tomlinson; his sister, Mary Ellen
22 Tatter; his six grandchildren, Mary, Jacob, Annemarie,

1 Elizabeth, Cate, and George; his sisters-in-law, Mary Beth
2 (Richard) Breeden and Carol Grace; his many nephews and nieces,
3 and his beloved and faithful dog, Tank; therefore, be it

4 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL
5 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
6 George Duane Tomlinson and extend our sincere condolences to
7 his family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it
8 further

9 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
10 presented to the family of George Tomlinson as an expression of
11 our deepest sympathy.