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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 Glen Albert Brandt of Pleasant Plains, who passed away on June 7, 2020; and

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WHEREAS, Glen Brandt was born to Albert and Margaret Bomke Brandt in Farmingdale on March 19, 1926; he was confirmed into the Lutheran Church at Immanuel Lutheran Church on August 13, 1939; he graduated from Pleasant Plains High School in 1944 and briefly attended Springfield Junior College before enlisting in the U.S. Merchant Marines; he served for three years during WWII; he returned home to farm with his father but was drafted into the U.S. Army in 1950 to serve in Korea; after two years with the 27th Regiment of the 25th Division, he was honorably discharged; he married Peggy Eileen Carter on September 5, 1960; and

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WHEREAS, In 1953, Glen Brandt and his sister, Evelyn, founded the business that would grow to become Brandt, Inc.; he remained active in the agriculture business that bears his name until his passing, serving as a vocal consultant to the board of directors; and

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WHEREAS, Glen Brandt previously served as the president of what is now known as the Ag Retailers Association; he was

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1 involved in the community as a member of the Pleasant Plains
2 American Legion, a patron of the Memorial Medical Center
3 Foundation, and as a member of the development committee for
4 Lincoln Land Community College; he was a member of Zion
5 Lutheran Church in Pleasant Plains; and

6 WHEREAS, The Ag Retailers Association named Brandt, Inc.
7 the Ag Retailer of the Year in 2000 and also presented Glen
8 Brandt its prestigious Lifetime Achievement Award in 2007;
9 Glen, along with Evelyn, were named the Illinois State Ag
10 Ambassadors in 2015; and

11 WHEREAS, in his youth, Glen Brandt was a founding member of
12 the band Boogie Woogie Brandt and the Barrelhouse Boys; more
13 recently, he enjoyed socializing, talking business over
14 cocktails, smoking a stogie, and taking walks on Bonita Beach;
15 he was also a licensed pilot; and

16 WHEREAS, Glen Brandt was preceded in death by his parents
17 and his wife; and

18 WHEREAS, Glen Brandt is survived by his sisters, Evelyn
19 Brandt Thomas and Shirley Brandt Hagen; his son, Rick (Kristie)
20 Brandt; his daughter, Terri (Tom) Gustafson; his four beloved
21 grandchildren, Sierra-Shae Brandt and Alex, Will, and Joe
22 Gustafson; his niece; his nephew; his many cousins; and his

1 special care giver, Janet Zeigler; therefore, be it

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

7 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
8 presented to the family of Glen Brandt as an expression of our
9 deepest sympathy.