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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 Gary Shannon Upton of Bloomington, who passed away August 24, 2020; and

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WHEREAS, Gary Upton was born in Indianapolis, Indiana to Mollie Day and Myles Upton on May 24, 1943; and

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WHEREAS, A proud member of the United States Army and a Vietnam War veteran, Gary Upton retired from the Army as a first sergeant in 1985 after 24 years of service; after his career in the Army, Gary Upton served as a deputy sheriff and worked for the United States Army Finance Center in Indianapolis, Indiana and the United States Army Distribution and Publications Center in St Louis, Missouri; he officially retired in 2006; and

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WHEREAS, Gary Upton was an avid fan of the St. Louis Cardinals; he was a quiet man who enjoyed spending time with family and going out for coffee at his "home away from home", Shannon's Five Star Restaurant; and

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WHEREAS, Gary Upton was preceded in death by his parents and multiple siblings; and

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1           WHEREAS, Gary Upton is survived by his wife of 53 years,  
2           Darla Jean Upton; his daughters, Jodi Upton Hicks (Sam Howard)  
3           and Jennifer Upton Galanti (Paul); his sons, Scott Upton  
4           (Laurie) and Kevin Schaefer (Rebecca); his grandchildren,  
5           Peyton Hicks, Justin, Austin, and Miles Upton, and Carson  
6           Schaefer; and his step-grandchildren, Jonathan, Brandon, and  
7           Celia Galanti; therefore, be it

8           RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL  
9           ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of  
10          Gary Shannon Upton and extend our sincere condolences to his  
11          family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it  
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13          RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
14          presented to the family of Gary Upton as an expression of our  
15          deepest sympathy.