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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 Myron W. Shonkwiler of Arcola, who passed away on October 10, 2020; and

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WHEREAS, Myron Shonkwiler was born to Paul A. and Geneva (Armour) Shonkwiler in Douglas County on August 31, 1938; he married Kay Gamble in Springfield, Tennessee on July 12, 1956; and

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WHEREAS, Myron Shonkwiler worked at Whisnand Hybrids since the age of 17 and purchased the business with Pete Nacke in 1971; he became the sole owner/operator in the mid 1980s; and

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WHEREAS, Myron was a member of First Christian Church in Arcola, where he served as a deacon and was on the board of trustees; he also served on the Arcola Township Cemetery Board; and

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WHEREAS, Myron Shonkwiler enjoyed tinkering in his garden, collecting antiques, and traveling to his children's, grandchildren's and great-grandchildren's sporting, church, and academic events; he was always the first one to suggest and organize family events, as those were the times that brought him the most happiness; throughout his life, he put his family

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1 first; and

2 WHEREAS, Myron Shonkwiler was preceded in death by his
3 parents; his daughter-in-law, Melanie Shonkwiler; and his two
4 sisters, Charlene and Carol Ann; and

5 WHEREAS, Myron Shonkwiler is survived by his wife of 64
6 years, Kay; his three children, Cindy (Bart) Arthur, Scott
7 Shonkwiler, and Rick (Janice) Shonkwiler; his six
8 grandchildren, Jeremy (Stacy) Shonkwiler, Courtney (fiancé
9 Chris) Shonkwiler, Dr. Ryan (Blanca) Shonkwiler, Bradley
10 (Allison) Arthur, Sarah (Jeff) Thomas, and Lucas (Emma)
11 Shonkwiler; his 11 great-grandchildren, Brock and Braden
12 Shonkwiler, Carter Klapperich, Lola, Madilyn, Oliver, and
13 Ozcar Shonkwiler, Makenzie, Tanner, and Tenley Thomas, and baby
14 girl Shonkwiler, who is expected in December; and his one
15 brother, Dee (Jean) Shonkwiler; 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 Myron Shonkwiler 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
22 presented to the family of Myron Shonkwiler as an expression of

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1 our deepest sympathy.