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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 Duane Brooke Cultra of Onarga, who passed away on November 16, 2020; and

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WHEREAS, Duane Cultra was born to Archie James and Grace Greenwood (Brooke) Cultra in Watseka on March 13, 1925; during World War Two, he served as a B17 pilot and flew 53 missions and sorties before being wounded by antiaircraft flack fire; he married Mary Jane Teller in St. Petersburg, Florida on June 2, 1944; after the war, he attended the University of Illinois and earned a degree in electrical engineering; and

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WHEREAS, Duane Cultra was president of the Onarga Nursery Company, which was started by his grandfather, Robert Cultra, in 1865, after his return from service during the Civil War; the nursery continues to operate under the direction of family members; and

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WHEREAS, Duane Cultra's love for flying continued throughout his life; he enjoyed traveling with his wife in his Piper Comanche and did so until his 80th birthday; he was a strong man with a loving, compassionate side; and

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WHEREAS, Duane Cultra was preceded in death by his parents;

1 his brothers; his sisters; and his daughter, Lucinda Brooke  
2 (Alvin) Wilken; and

3 WHEREAS, Duane Cultra is survived by his wife of 76 years,  
4 Jane; his children, Terence Patrick (Donna) Cultra, Cynthia  
5 Jane (Douglas) Harford, Shane (Peg) Cultra, and Mary Melissa  
6 (James) Downey; his 16 grandchildren; and his 30  
7 great-grandchildren; 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 Duane Brooke Cultra and extend our sincere condolences to his  
11 family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it  
12 further

13 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
14 presented to the family of Duane Cultra as an expression of our  
15 deepest sympathy.