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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 William "Bill" Cassens of Quincy, formerly of Golden, who passed away on June 14, 2021; and

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WHEREAS, Bill Cassens was born in Golden to John W. and Bertha (Leenerts) Cassens on July 13, 1927; he attended Golden High School; he married Rose Marie Ideus at Trinity Lutheran Church in Golden on February 27, 1949, and she preceded him in death on September 18, 2018; and

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WHEREAS, Bill Cassens was an insurance salesman for Country Companies before retiring after 33 years of service; during his career, he was awarded many All-American and All-Star trips; and

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WHEREAS, After retirement, Bill Cassens served as an Adams County Assessor for Northeast Township; he also inspected homes and farms for Carthage Mutual and Camp Point Mutual; and

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WHEREAS, Bill Cassens was very active in his church and community; he was a lifelong member of Trinity Lutheran Church, where he served as a council member and on the cemetery, property, and other committees; he was a founding board member of the Golden Historical Society and a chairman

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1 of the Centennial Celebration in Golden; he also served as a
2 trustee on the Golden Village Board; and

3 WHEREAS, Bill Cassens enjoyed gardening and tending his
4 fishpond, which was a favorite of his grandchildren and
5 great-grandchildren; and

6 WHEREAS, Bill Cassens was preceded in death by his
7 parents; his wife, Rose Marie; his brother, Monroe Cassens;
8 his brothers-in-law, Richard Chapman, Lawrence Leenerts,
9 Vernon Ideus, and Irwin Ideus; and his sisters-in-law, Lucille
10 Cassens, Dorothy Cassens, Geneva Leenerts-Gronewold, Velma
11 Chapman, and Ruth Ideus; and

12 WHEREAS, Bill Cassens is survived by his sons, Bruce
13 (Sharon) Cassens, Mark (Sandy) Cassens, Dennis (Mary Jo)
14 Cassens, and John (Diane) Cassens; his grandchildren, Rob
15 (Betsy) Cassens, Ryan (Jennifer) Cassens, Whitney (Jason)
16 Mehaffy, Brent Cassens, Suzanne Cassens, Greg (Hannah)
17 Cassens, Chad (Gretchen) Nelson, Holly Jo Nelson, Tyler
18 (Ainsley) Cassens, Courtney Cassens, Alexandria Cassens, and
19 Nicholas Cassens; his 16 great-grandchildren; his
20 brother-in-law, Jerry (Sharon) Ideus; and his several nieces
21 and nephews; therefore, be it

22 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL

1 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
2 William "Bill" Cassens and extend our sincere condolences to
3 his family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it
4 further

5 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
6 presented to the family of Bill Cassens as an expression of our
7 deepest sympathy.