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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 M. Dennis Turner of Danville, who passed away on January 26, 2022; and

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WHEREAS, Dennis Turner was born to A. Martin and Beulah Radebaugh Turner in Indianapolis, Indiana on August 9, 1932; he attended Danville High School, Danville Junior College, and Eastern Illinois University; he served in the U.S. Army during the Korean War; and

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WHEREAS, Dennis Turner returned to the family farm after his military service; he expanded the farm's dairy herd and became more involved with Prairie Farms Dairy, the cooperative through which the farm's milk production had been marketed for several years; during the years that he had a dairy herd, several hundred Danville school children toured the dairy operation at the family farm; he also endeavored to use conservation practices when farming the Sesquicentennial Family Farm soil to leave it better than when he began his tenure as the farm's steward; and

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WHEREAS, Dennis Turner was elected to the Board of Directors of Prairie Farms Dairy and served for 21 years; he also represented Prairie Farms on the Board of Directors of

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1 the Illinois American Dairy Association; during this time, he  
2 was asked to serve on the Vermilion County Farm Bureau Board;  
3 he was also asked to serve on the building committee for the  
4 new Vermilion County Center for Agriculture when it was built;  
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6 WHEREAS, Dennis Turner served as secretary of the Water  
7 Authority Board and was one of three Blount Township citizens  
8 to be appointed to serve as a trustee of the Blount Township  
9 Water Authority when it was organized in 1994; and

10 WHEREAS, Dennis Turner was a member of Farmers Chapel  
11 Church, and he served as treasurer and trustee chairman of the  
12 Building Fund; he was also a member of the Robert Wurtsbaugh  
13 Chapter of Korean War Veterans Association, where he served on  
14 the honor guard; and

15 WHEREAS, Dennis Turner was immensely proud of his family;  
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17 WHEREAS, Dennis Turner was preceded in death by his  
18 parents; his brother, Dale (Jackie); and his infant twins,  
19 Norman and Norma; and

20 WHEREAS, Dennis Turner is survived by his wife, Mabel; his  
21 sons, Robert (Robin) Turner and Steven (Tara Bray) Turner; his

1 daughter, Donna Carrigan; his grandsons, Chris (Katie), Tyler,  
2 and Travis Turner; his granddaughters, Kayla (Alex) Rosdail,  
3 Kelsie (Tyler) Cunningham, and Lacey (Aaron) Fessler; his  
4 great-grandchildren, Hayleigh Fessler, Hayden Fessler, Myla  
5 Cunningham, and Austin Cunningham; his several nieces and  
6 nephews; and his good friend, Jerry Edwards; therefore, be it

7       RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL  
8 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of  
9 M. Dennis Turner and extend our sincere condolences to his  
10 family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it  
11 further

12       RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
13 presented to the family of Dennis Turner as an expression of  
14 our deepest sympathy.