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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 Frederick "Bill" Schwenneker, who passed away on October 8, 2023; and

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WHEREAS, Bill Schwenneker was born in Hillsdale to Frederick and Hazel (Melody) Schwenneker on July 11, 1928; he graduated from Hillsdale High School in 1946, where he played football, basketball, and track; he then joined the United States Navy and honorably served his country until 1948; he married Darlene Marie Amery at Peace Lutheran Church in Port Byron on June 11, 1952; and

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WHEREAS, Bill Schwenneker was involved with farming for over 70 years; he achieved success as a master agent for Country Companies Insurance and was one of the top sales agents in the State several times; and

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WHEREAS, Bill Schwenneker relished a good competition well into his later years, especially on the golf course; his Sunday morning golf group and Monday night golf league with his best friends highlighted his week; he also had a lifelong love of horses and prided himself on his ability to train and work with horses; for many years, he enjoyed working with the Buccaneer 4-H Club and attending weekly horse shows, where he

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1 joked that he did all the work and his daughter got all the
2 glory; and

3 WHEREAS, Bill Schwenneker was preceded in death by his
4 parents; his wife of 54 years, Darlene; his infant daughter,
5 Jeanna; and his brother, Donald; and

6 WHEREAS, Bill Schwenneker is survived by his daughter,
7 Victoria (Buell) Cole; his grandchildren, Courtney (Mark)
8 Nelson and Scott (Rachel) Cole; his great-grandchildren,
9 Olivia, Ryan, and Brooke Nelson and Gabriel and David William
10 Cole; his special cousin, Cindy (Al) Knott; and many great
11 friends; therefore, be it

12 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL
13 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
14 William Frederick "Bill" Schwenneker and extend our sincere
15 condolences to his family, friends, and all who knew and loved
16 him; and be it further

17 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
18 presented to the family of Bill Schwenneker as an expression
19 of our deepest sympathy.