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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 Merle R. Durnell of East Moline, who passed away on December 16, 2023; and

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WHEREAS, Merle Durnell was born to Herbert and Elvyn Wainwright Durnell in Moline on January 26, 1930; he served in the U.S. Army during the Korean Conflict; he married Frances Berg at St. Malachy's Catholic Church in Geneseo on June 20, 1953, and she preceded him in death on May 20, 2006; and

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WHEREAS, Merle Durnell retired from ALCOA in 1993 after more than 30 years of service; and

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WHEREAS, Merle Durnell enjoyed bowling and playing cards; and

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WHEREAS, Merle Durnell was devoted to his faith and his family; and

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WHEREAS, Merle Durnell was preceded in death by his parents; his son, Herbert "Herb" Durnell; and his sister, Melba Spavin; and

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WHEREAS, Merle Durnell is survived by his children, Jay

1 Durnell and Mary (Dan) Carter; his daughter-in-law, Julie  
2 Durnell; his grandchildren, Mark (Crystal) Durnell and Amy  
3 Berry; and his great-grandchildren, Audri, Tyler, Gabriel,  
4 Katelyn, Jacob, and Anna; therefore, be it

5 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL  
6 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of  
7 Merle R. Durnell and extend our sincere condolences to his  
8 family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it  
9 further

10 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
11 presented to the family of Merle Durnell as an expression of  
12 our deepest sympathy.