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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 Harold Junior Land of Topeka, who passed away on May 15, 2024; and

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WHEREAS, Harold Land was born in Pekin to Harold and Mary (Watson) Land on December 27, 1949; he was drafted into the United States Army as an 11B Infantryman in 1969, where he completed Expert Jungle Training in Panama before being deployed to Vietnam with the 9th Infantry Division; he took part in months of heavy combat operations near Saigon and the Mekong River Delta and was awarded two Purple Hearts, the Combat Infantry Badge, and the Vietnam Service Medal with two Bronze Service Stars; he was honorably discharged in 1971; he married Carol Siltman-Terrill in Topeka on June 29, 1991; and

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WHEREAS, Harold Land retired from the United States Post Office in 2016, after 20 years of service, and was a member of the National Postal Mail Handlers Union; and

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WHEREAS, Harold Land supported the Disabled American Veterans, the Veterans of Foreign Wars, and multiple other veteran organizations; he always had an American Flag on display and served as a mentor for younger generations of veterans in his family; and

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1 WHEREAS, Harold Land loved the outdoors and kept busy
2 hunting, fishing, splitting wood, caring for his horses, and
3 performing all the duties that came with caring for his
4 property; in the summertime, he could be found in his garden
5 working hard to produce a big harvest of vegetables to
6 preserve for his family; he enjoyed NASCAR, riding his Harley,
7 and a good game of cards; he treasured his time with family,
8 always taking the time to teach them valuable lessons when the
9 opportunity arose; and

10 WHEREAS, Harold Land was preceded in death by his parents;
11 his sister, Darlene Land; his brothers-in-law, Joe Stoehr, Bob
12 Westerhouse, and Bob VanEtten; his nieces, Bobbi Jo Tyler and
13 Amber Land; and his nephew, J.D. Siltman; and

14 WHEREAS, Harold Land is survived by his wife, Carol; his
15 sons, Scott (Pam) and Matt (Chelsea) Terrill; his
16 grandchildren, Chris, Kylie (Seth Newcomb), and Emily Terrill
17 (Nick Sondag); his great-grandchildren, Ryan Terrill, Noah and
18 Theodore Newcomb, and Hadley and Lucah Sondag; his sisters,
19 Vivian Stoehr, Peggy Westerhouse, Linda VanEtten, Regina
20 Trout, and Cherie Helpers; his brothers, Gary (Jodi), Terry
21 "Turk" (Mary), and Doug (Janice) Land; and several nieces and
22 nephews; therefore, be it

1 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL
2 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
3 Harold Junior Land and extend our sincere condolences to his
4 family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it
5 further

6 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
7 presented to the family of Harold Land as an expression of our
8 deepest sympathy.