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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 Richard K. Graham of Viola, who passed away on May 20, 2024; and

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WHEREAS, Richard Graham was born to Louie and Birdie (White) Graham in Moline on August 15, 1931; he served in the U.S. Army during the Korean Conflict; he married Ardythe Rosene in Kahoka, Missouri on October 23, 1956; and

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WHEREAS, Richard Graham worked on his family farm, drove and repaired trucks for the public school district and Coke Carlson in Rio, and worked as a machinist at Montgomery Elevator; he later served as a corrections officer for the Mercer County Sheriff's Department; and

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WHEREAS, Richard Graham and his wife enjoyed repairing and restoring antique furniture and taking yearly fishing trips to Minnesota; he considered his biggest accomplishment to be building his home with family and neighbors; and

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WHEREAS, Richard Graham loved his family, treasuring time spent with each family member; and

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WHEREAS, Richard Graham was preceded in death by his

1 parents; his brother, Louie Graham; and his sister, Marian
2 Nesbitt; and

3 WHEREAS, Richard Graham is survived by his wife of 67
4 years, Ardythe Graham; his children, Debra (John) VerStraete,
5 Becky (Carl) Anderson, and Mike (Gail) Graham; his
6 grandchildren, Jessica VerStraete Hutton, Caroline (Eddie)
7 Shurtz, Nicole (Zach) Little, Angela (Jared) Carbo, Steven
8 (fiance, Lily Kopriva) Graham, and Aaron Graham; his
9 great-grandchildren, Austin, Cooper, Ember, Lyla, and Payton;
10 and numerous nieces and nephews; therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL
12 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
13 Richard K. Graham and extend our sincere condolences to his
14 family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it
15 further

16 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
17 presented to the family of Richard Graham as an expression of
18 our deepest sympathy.