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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 Roland "Dick" Ellinger of Lewistown, who passed away on June 8, 2024; and

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WHEREAS, Dick Ellinger, the son of William and Agnes Marie (Durbin) Ellinger, was born in Joliet on November 18, 1933; after being orphaned at the age of six, he was raised by his aunt and uncle, Betty and Homer Stovall, of rural Cowden; he joined the U.S. Air Force on November 4, 1954; he then attended Eastern Illinois University on the G.I. Bill, earning both his Bachelor of Science and Master of Science in Education; he married Faye Darlene Olinger in Beecher City on April 1, 1956; and

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WHEREAS, Dick Ellinger began his career in education as a teacher in Neoga; he later went into administration, serving as superintendent of schools for Cowden-Herrick Community Unit School District (CUSD) #3A, superintendent for VIT CUSD #2, and assistant regional school superintendent of Fulton County for over seven years; he retired as superintendent of Lewistown CUSD #97 in 1990; and

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WHEREAS, Dick Ellinger belonged to many organizations throughout his life, including Kiwanis, Rotary, VFW, the

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1 Fulton-Schuyler County Regional Superintendent Board, and the
2 National Horseshoe Pitching Association; and

3 WHEREAS, Dick Ellinger was an avid gardener, a diehard St.
4 Louis Cardinals fan, and a Civil War aficionado; he enjoyed
5 fishing, hunting, golfing, and mushroom hunting in his younger
6 years, and his lifelong interests included bowling, horseshoe
7 pitching, playing cards, and watching westerns; and

8 WHEREAS, Dick Ellinger was a good man, a hard worker, a
9 quiet giver, and a man of faith, having been baptized at the
10 First Christian Church of Cowden in 1969; he will be
11 remembered for possessing a real joy for life and an
12 infectious laugh; and

13 WHEREAS, Dick Ellinger was preceded in death by his
14 parents; his brothers, James William Ellinger, Lamoine
15 Ellinger, Herbert Dean Ellinger, and Harold Wayne Ellinger;
16 and his sister, Helen Marie Hood; and

17 WHEREAS, Dick Ellinger is survived by his wife of 68
18 years, Faye; his children, Katherine (Don) Taber, Homer
19 William Ellinger, Rick A. (Dory) Ellinger, and Michael L.
20 Ellinger; his grandchildren, Danielle Taber, Dustin (Brandy
21 Cozad) Taber, Katelin Frank, and Brandon (Victoria) Ellinger;
22 and his great-grandchildren, Kinsleigh, Karsyn, Chase, Jacoby,

1 and Serenity; therefore, be it

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

7 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
8 presented to the family of Dick Ellinger as an expression of
9 our deepest sympathy.