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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 Derwood Keith Ruggles of Aledo, who passed away on June 3, 2024; and

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WHEREAS, Derwood Ruggles was born in Mercer County to Joe B. and Cleda (Elschler) Ruggles on August 25, 1937; he graduated from Aledo High School; he served in the U.S. Army from July 1957 through July 1960; and

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WHEREAS, Derwood Ruggles received training in fire suppression and served the Aledo Fire Department for many years, including 16 years as assistant chief; he also worked for Alexis Fire Equipment doing tradeshow across the nation; and

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WHEREAS, Derwood Ruggles loved to tinker on things and did body and service work for several years; he was a jack-of-all-trades, including carpentry, masonry, plumbing, and electrical; his real passion was antiques, both collecting and restoring, and he had his own shop for many years in Aledo; and

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WHEREAS, Derwood Ruggles was preceded in death by his siblings, David, Harold, Garland, Joe, and Jim Ruggles, Orta

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1 Lee Comstock, Dortha McMurray, Ruth Swank, Mary Lou Orr, and  
2 Tyra Bull; and

3 WHEREAS, Derwood Ruggles is survived by his companion,  
4 June Wilson; his daughter, Julie Ricketts; his son, Derwood K.  
5 "J.R." Ruggles; his grandchildren, Scott and Shannon; his  
6 great-grandchildren, Archer and Sawyer; his stepchildren,  
7 Kathleen (Rene) Rocha, Teresa (Garry) Little, Chris (Penny)  
8 Brown, Tony (Dana) Nelson, and Becky (Jason) Dogget; several  
9 step-grandchildren and step-great-grandchildren; and his  
10 sister, Virginia Ruggles; 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 Derwood Keith Ruggles and extend our sincere condolences to  
14 his 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 Derwood Ruggles as an expression of  
18 our deepest sympathy.