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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 William L. "Red" Downing of Lewistown, who passed away on July 2, 2024; and

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WHEREAS, Red Downing was born to Forrest Clifford Sr. and LaBerta G. (Slater) Downing in Buckhart Township on May 3, 1928; he served in the U.S. Air Force in Germany; he married Erma M. Black at Mt. Pleasant Church in rural Lewistown on June 28, 1963; and

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WHEREAS, Red Downing retired from International Harvester after 31 years of service; and

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WHEREAS, Red Downing was an active member of UAW Local #1357, where he served as a union steward; he was also a member of the International Harvester Retirees Club; and

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WHEREAS, Red Downing enjoyed working on 1940s Willys Jeeps and Army trucks and fishing in his spare time; and

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WHEREAS, Red Downing was preceded in death by his wife and his brothers, John P. Downing and Forrest Downing Jr.; and

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WHEREAS, Red Downing is survived by his sister, June

1 Tompkins; his niece and nephew, Cheryl (Chuck) Rakestraw and
2 Bill (Kathy) Downing; two step-granddaughters; one
3 step-grandson; one step-great-grandson; three
4 step-great-granddaughters; and several great-nieces and
5 great-nephews; therefore, be it

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

11 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
12 presented to the family of Red Downing as an expression of our
13 deepest sympathy.