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SENATE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate are saddened
3 to learn of the death of Richard A. "Dick" Farrar of Moline,
4 who passed away on August 18, 2024; and

5 WHEREAS, Dick Farrar, the son of Arthur R. Farrar and
6 Hazel M. (Shellberg) Farrar, was born in Moline on March 12,
7 1933; he attended Ericksen Elementary School, John Deere
8 Junior High School, and Moline High School; he graduated from
9 Rock Island High School in 1951; he was a lifelong resident of
10 Moline, with the exception of his senior year of high school;
11 after high school, he attended Augustana College and Black
12 Hawk College, and he worked in carpentry and other jobs; he was
13 drafted in July 1956, serving as a signalman in the U.S. Army;
14 he married Margaret Victoria Thompson in Summit, Iowa on June
15 20, 1959; and

16 WHEREAS, Dick Farrar, a proud fourth generation Deere &
17 Company employee, had a nearly 40-year career with the
18 organization; he began as an industrial engineering supervisor
19 at Malleable Works in 1958; during his tenure, he completed
20 his associate's degree at Black Hawk College, held a variety
21 of positions within the company related to information
22 services, and was instrumental in the development of a
23 computerized parts catalog system and a competitor parts

1 matching program for dealers; he retired as manager of Parts
2 Information in 1997; he was noted by colleagues for his vision
3 and commitment to excellence; and

4 WHEREAS, Dick Farrar was raised in the Lutheran faith; as
5 an adult, he occasionally attended First United Presbyterian
6 Church in Moline, where his wife, Margaret, was a devoted
7 member and he was active in the senior fellowship group
8 Photeinos; and

9 WHEREAS, Dick Farrar loved spending time outdoors, and he
10 took his family on many camping and fishing trips; he became an
11 enthusiastic tennis player in late middle age, and he enjoyed
12 watching Wimbledon on television; he was an ace ping pong
13 player in his youth, playing well into his eighties; he was a
14 lifelong chess player, and he enjoyed playing chess online
15 with his friend, Chuck Sanders, in recent years; and

16 WHEREAS, Dick Farrar is survived by his children, Victoria
17 "Vicki" (Shaun) Graves, Valerie Farrar, and Arthur Richard
18 "Rick" (Dena) Farrar; his granddaughters, Charlotte Graves,
19 Clara Graves, Cordelia Farrar, and Gwenyth Farrar; his cousin,
20 Carol Shellberg; and his many nieces and nephews; therefore,
21 be it

22 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL

1 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
2 Richard A. "Dick" Farrar and extend our sincere condolences to
3 his family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it
4 further

5 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
6 presented to the family of Dick Farrar as an expression of our
7 deepest sympathy.