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SENATE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate are saddened
3 to learn of the death of David Wesley "Dave" Combs of
4 Taylorville, who passed away on August 18, 2024; and

5 WHEREAS, Dave Combs, the son of Shaw and Olive (Welker)
6 Combs, was born in Hillsboro on April 1, 1937; he was raised on
7 the family farm in Coffeen; he graduated from Hillsboro High
8 School and the Graduate School of Banking in Madison,
9 Wisconsin; he served as a private specialist 4 in the U.S. Army
10 from 1956 to 1959, including more than two years in Korea; he
11 married Sally Thomas Williams in Hillsboro on April 20, 1962;
12 and

13 WHEREAS, Dave Combs began his career as a bank teller,
14 working his way up to the positions of president and CEO at the
15 First National Bank in Taylorville, serving as president for
16 25 years and retiring after 54 years of service; and

17 WHEREAS, Dave Combs served as director on the boards of
18 First Bancorp and West Main Reality Group for 43 years; he was
19 a founding member of the former Independent Community Banks in
20 Illinois, now the Community Bankers Association of Illinois,
21 serving as president from 1983 to 1984; he was also a member of
22 several other banking association boards; and

1 WHEREAS, Dave Combs was a lifetime member of the VFW,
2 where he served in many roles, including calling the commands
3 for the honor guard for 40 years; he was also a member of the
4 Taylorville First United Methodist Church, Sons of Confederate
5 Veterans, and the American Quarter Horse Association; and

6 WHEREAS, Dave Combs loved watching Westerns, listening to
7 country music, and riding through farmlands; he enjoyed
8 traveling with his wife to conventions throughout the U.S.,
9 especially in the Southwest; he was the proud owner of many
10 horses throughout the years, including his most recent horse,
11 Ranger; and

12 WHEREAS, Dave Combs was preceded in death by his parents;
13 his wife; and his siblings, Loren Combs, Jack Combs, and Nora
14 Kumble; and

15 WHEREAS, Dave Combs is survived by his children, Kelley
16 (John) Williams Davidson, Shawne Combs Woodard, and Shad
17 (Patti Quinn) Combs; three grandchildren; two
18 great-grandchildren; and several nieces, nephews, and cousins;
19 therefore, be it

20 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL
21 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of

1 David Wesley "Dave" Combs and extend our sincere condolences
2 to his family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be
3 it further

4 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
5 presented to the family of Dave Combs as an expression of our
6 deepest sympathy.