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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 Charles K. "Keith" Sheckler of Morton, who passed away on October 4, 2024; and

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WHEREAS, Keith Sheckler was born to Charles and Muriel (Teach) Sheckler in Ellisville on July 31, 1930; he graduated from Ellisville High School, Western Illinois University, and the University of Illinois; he married Lela A. (Fidler) McCloskey on November 20, 1959; and

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WHEREAS, Keith Sheckler enlisted in the U.S. Coast Guard, graduating from Officer's Training and spending most of his active duty on the U.S.S. Cutter Bib along the coast of Korea; he transitioned from active duty to the U.S. Coast Guard Reserve before retiring as a lieutenant commander after over 20 years of service; and

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WHEREAS, Keith Sheckler worked as a farm manager at Norris Farms until he was transferred to the company's home office in Ocala, Florida in 1972; he then moved to Marion, Illinois, where he worked in mine land reclamation for the federal government; he then worked as a farm manager in the Farm Management Department of First National Bank in Springfield; along with several other farm managers and their secretary, he

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1 purchased the Farm Management Department from the bank and  
2 created Agri-Vest Farm Management Services, from which he  
3 retired at the age of 83; and

4 WHEREAS, Keith Sheckler attended Hope Presbyterian Church  
5 in Springfield, where he enjoyed attending the men's weekly  
6 Bible study group; and

7 WHEREAS, Keith Sheckler enjoyed traveling with his special  
8 friend, Linda Dodd, and spending time with his family; and

9 WHEREAS, Keith Sheckler was preceded in death by his wife;  
10 his parents; and his brothers, Howard Sheckler and Donald  
11 Sheckler; and

12 WHEREAS, Keith Sheckler is survived by his children, Mike  
13 (Liz) McCloskey and Diana (Ron) Jansen; three grandchildren;  
14 five great-grandchildren; one great-great-granddaughter; his  
15 sister, Deloris Postin; two nephews; and two nieces;  
16 therefore, be it

17 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL  
18 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of  
19 Charles K. "Keith" Sheckler and extend our sincere condolences  
20 to his family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be  
21 it further

1           RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
2 presented to the family of Keith Sheckler as an expression of  
3 our deepest sympathy.