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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate wish to congratulate the Wendt Funeral Home for being one of the oldest funeral homes in the United States; and

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WHEREAS, The Wendt Funeral Home was originally established by cabinetmaker J. Robert Earler in 1866; and

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WHEREAS, J. Robert Earler, who came to Illinois from Germany and was called upon to provide wooden caskets to farmers in the area, opened a funeral parlor in Port Byron shortly after the Civil War; he then passed his business to his son-in-law, August H. Wendt, in 1881; and

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WHEREAS, August H. Wendt ran the funeral parlor from 1881 to 1920 before passing it on to his sons, Earl and Robert Wendt, who ran the family business until 1945; during their ownership, they purchased a large Queen Anne Victorian house in Moline, where the business continues to operate; and

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WHEREAS, The Wendt Funeral Home continued to be passed on through brothers and sons; today, it is owned and operated by Earl Wendt IV, the sixth generation of the family, who became a licensed funeral director after graduating from Worsham School of Mortuary in 1983 and took over the funeral home upon his

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1 father's passing; and

2 WHEREAS, The Wendt family is immensely proud of the family  
3 funeral business and credits its success to their values of  
4 compassion, professionalism, and attention to detail, a legacy  
5 carried on through six generations; therefore, be it

6 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL  
7 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we congratulate the  
8 Wendt Funeral Home for its longstanding business and service  
9 to its community, and we wish it many more years of operation  
10 for generations to come; and be it further

11 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
12 presented to the Wendt Funeral Home as a symbol of our respect  
13 and esteem.