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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 Richard C. "Dick" Sorensen of Marengo, who passed away on October 23, 2011; and

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WHEREAS, He was born May 2, 1937, in Harvard, to Lyle and Lucille (Nates) Sorensen; on March 21, 1974, he married Dolores Behrens; he was a member of Trinity Lutheran Church in Harvard and the Harvard Moose for more than 40 years; and

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WHEREAS, He was a car dealer for 52 years and worked as a manager for several auto dealerships throughout the area, including Burkharts in Harvard; he owned and operated Dick Sorensen Pontiac, Buick & GMC in Oregon and Dick Sorensen Auto Sales in Marengo for many years; and

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WHEREAS, He enjoyed collecting classic cars, remodeling homes, traveling, and spending time with his family and friends; and

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WHEREAS, He was preceded in death by his parents, Lyle and Lucille Sorensen; his brother, Robert Sorensen; and his sons, Steve Behrens and Billy Behrens; and

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WHEREAS, Richard Sorensen is survived by the love of his

1 life, his wife of 38 years, Dee; his children and special
2 daughter and caregiver, Tammy O'Neill, Peggy Socha , Rick
3 (Lori) Sorensen, Vickie (Don) Redner, Pat (Dick) Peterson, Andy
4 Sorensen, Tom Sorensen, and Nick Sorensen; his 27
5 grandchildren; his 10 great-grandchildren; his sisters-in-law,
6 Evelyn (Hank) Sale, Eleanor Phelps, and Hazel Laue; his special
7 friend, Coco; and his close friends, June Meyer, Rob and Tonya
8 Proffitt, Randy and Carrie Trebes, the Larry Dauphin family,
9 and many other friends; therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL
11 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn, along with
12 his family and friends, the passing of Richard Sorensen; and be
13 it further

14 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
15 presented to the family of Richard Sorensen as a symbol of our
16 sincere sympathy.