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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 Robert Denver "Denny" Brewer of Herrin, who passed away on March 10, 2012; and

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WHEREAS, He was born December 6, 1946, in Herrin, the son of Robert N. and Billie (Childers) Brewer; he married Juli Maragni on June 9, 1991, in Miami; and

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WHEREAS, He started working for his father at the age of 9, washing dishes while standing on a milk crate at New Era Dairy; he continued working for his father his entire adult life; together, they opened restaurants (Family Fun, Prime Time, Shenanigan's) and built Best Inns Motels Corporation; he immortalized his father's legacy by forming the Robert N. Brewer Family Foundation; although neither achieved higher than a high school education, they enabled more than 434 students the opportunity to obtain college degrees; and

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WHEREAS, He was a Master Mason and very proud of his accomplishment; he enjoyed hunting and spending time outdoors; he especially enjoyed talking about cars and hot rods with his brother, Dan, and his good friends LeRoy, Shane, Shawn, Buddy, and other gearheads; in recent years, Denver spent time enjoying the solitude of country life, rescuing needy animals

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1 and raising miniature donkeys; and

2 WHEREAS, Robert Brewer is survived by his wife, Juli
3 Brewer; his son, Robert Dwight Brewer; his daughter, Dawn
4 Heather Brewer; his son, Forrest Lee Simmons; his
5 grandchildren, Christopher Brewer, Madison Brewer, and Morgan
6 Brewer; his brother, Dan N. Brewer and his fiancée Jane Jones;
7 his sister, Marie Delaney; and his multiple four-footed, furry
8 children; therefore, be it

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

13 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
14 presented to the family of Robert Brewer as a symbol of our
15 sincere sympathy.