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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 Bartholomew "Bart" Grawey of Peoria, who passed away on February 14, 2019; and

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WHEREAS, Bart Grawey was born on April 13, 1984; his early years were spent playing soccer and basketball at St. Bernard's and seeing how far he could bend the rules at Peoria Notre Dame; his independent and free spirit pushed him to travel far and wide to visit national parks, art museums, friends, and family; and

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WHEREAS, Bart Grawey was a staple in the Midwest glass community; he traveled the country to exhibit his personal artwork and exhibited with his partners at Toraason Glass of Peoria and Farmer City Glass of Farmer City; and

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WHEREAS, Bart Grawey was an active member of his local music scene, promoting and supporting any touring act that came through town, including his favorite bands, Umphrey's McGee and Widespread Panic; and

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WHEREAS, Bart Grawey spent his life doing what he loved; his infectious laugh and joyful, positive spirit touched the lives of every person he met; his friends became family, and

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1 his mantra was, "never have a bad day"; and

2 WHEREAS, Bart Grawey is survived by his parents, Tracy and
3 Joe Purtscher; his siblings, Scott Grawey, Annie Grawey, and
4 Gillian (Ian) Nakamura; his nieces and nephews, Tyler, Hailie,
5 Liam, and Emi; his life partner, Katie Barko; his dog, Bowie;
6 and his many aunts, uncles, and cousins; therefore, be it

7 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL
8 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
9 Bartholomew "Bart" Grawey and extend our sincere condolences to
10 his family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it
11 further

12 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
13 presented to the family of Bart Grawey as an expression of our
14 deepest sympathy.