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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 Gerald W. "Jerry" Brady Jr. of Edwards, who passed away on June 13, 2019; and

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WHEREAS, Jerry Brady was born in Galesburg to Gerald W. Sr. and Mary (McGuire) Brady on March 27, 1949; he graduated from the Spalding Institute in 1967; he attended Bradley University, where he directed the boys' program at the Guardian Angel Home for Catholic Social Services, and graduated in 1967; he married Sue Olson at St. Thomas Church in Peoria Heights on August 7, 1976; he earned his law degree from St. Louis University in 1981; and

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WHEREAS, Jerry Brady began his career at the Peoria Park District, where he managed sports programs and facilities; he also served a six-year enlistment in the United States Army Reserve as a member of the artillery unit; after passing the bar exam, he worked as an Assistant States's Attorney from 1982 until 1985; he then started what would become a successful private law practice, where he worked for 26 years; he was appointed Peoria County State's Attorney in 2011; and

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WHEREAS, While serving as Peoria County State's Attorney, Jerry Brady partnered with the ELITE program, initiated the

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1 Most Violent Offender Project, met frequently with
2 neighborhood groups, and promoted community awareness of the
3 opioid crisis; he also partnered with the City of Peoria Mayor,
4 the Peoria County Sheriff, the Chief of the Peoria Police, and
5 the United States Attorneys' Office to develop Peoria's Don't
6 Shoot program; he was honored to serve the citizens of Peoria
7 County; and

8 WHEREAS, Jerry Brady was an active parishioner of St.
9 Mary's Catholic Church of Kickapoo, where he served on the
10 Finance Council and with the Men's Club and coached the St.
11 Mary's boys basketball team; he was the assistant director and
12 coach of Paul Reatherford's Youth Basketball program and
13 continued the 30-year tradition of organizing a Christmas
14 basket drive for those in need; under his leadership, the
15 program delivered food and toys to approximately 250 families
16 throughout the City of Peoria every Christmas season; he was a
17 member of the Bartonville American Legion and an annual sponsor
18 of the Bartonville Ducks Unlimited; he was actively involved
19 with the Peoria County Democrats and enjoyed walking in the
20 parades every summer; he was instrumental in many fundraising
21 events, including raising money for the recently-completed
22 Veterans' Memorial located on the grounds of the Peoria County
23 Courthouse; he received the Distinguished Alumni of the Year
24 Award from Peoria Notre Dame High School in 2016; in 2019, he
25 received the Distinguished Community Service Award from the

1 Peoria County Bar Association; and

2 WHEREAS, Jerry Brady enjoyed waterfowl and pheasant
3 hunting with his close friends and two sons; he was a selfless
4 humanitarian, public servant, and role model to many; he will
5 be remembered for his honesty, integrity, loyalty, and devotion
6 to his job; and

7 WHEREAS, Jerry Brady was preceded in death by his parents;
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9 WHEREAS, Jerry Brady is survived by his wife, Sue; his
10 daughter, Meaghan (Brian) Livingston; his sons, Ryan
11 (Stephanie) Brady and Christopher (Crystal) Brady; his
12 grandson, Liam Michael Brady; his brother, John T. (Mary Ellen)
13 Brady; and his many nieces and nephews; therefore, be it

14 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL
15 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
16 Gerald W. "Jerry" Brady Jr. and extend our sincere condolences
17 to his family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be
18 it further

19 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
20 presented to the family of Jerry Brady as an expression of our
21 esteem and respect.