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1 SENATE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate are saddened to  
3 learn of the death of Marion Alexander Collins of Moline, who  
4 passed away on March 3, 2020; and

5 WHEREAS, Marion Collins was born to Alphonso and Mattie  
6 Pennington Collins in Marion on September 22, 1943; he  
7 graduated from Rock Island High School in 1961 and attended  
8 North Carolina (Greensboro) A&T College where he majored in  
9 music; always a romantic, Marion married Cathy (Mattox) Collins  
10 in Moline on Valentine's Day in 1998; and

11 WHEREAS, Marion was a U.S. Army veteran who served during  
12 Vietnam; after the war, he began an over 30 year career as a  
13 youth counselor and music director at the Arrowhead Ranch youth  
14 treatment facility in Coal Valley; and

15 WHEREAS, Marion Collins had three strong foundations in his  
16 life, family, music, and service; throughout his life, he  
17 taught, inspired, accompanied, and entertained thousands  
18 through his musical mastery; and

19 WHEREAS, Marion Collins was preceded in death by his  
20 parents, Alphonso and Mattie Pennington Collins, and his first  
21 wife, Helen (Pettigrew) Collins; and

1           WHEREAS, Marion Collins is survived by his loving wife,  
2           Cathy (Mattox) Collins; his daughter, Carla Collins; his son,  
3           Rich Bassford; his grandchildren, Bailey Bassford, Riley  
4           Bassford, and Kelly (Max Turner) Marsh; his brothers, Alphonso  
5           (Sharon) Collins Jr., Mervyn (Carol) Collins, and Jim (Karen)  
6           Collins; his very close friend, Dean Davis; and his many  
7           nieces, nephews, and cousins across the country; therefore, be  
8           it

9           RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL  
10          ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of  
11          Marion Alexander Collins and extended our sincere condolences  
12          to his family, friends, and all those who knew and loved him;  
13          and be it further

14          RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
15          presented to the family of Marion Collins as an expression of  
16          our deepest sympathy.