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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 Damon Kelso Bradford, who passed away on May 25, 2019; and

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WHEREAS, Damon Bradford was born in Macomb to George and Ruth (Kelso) Bradford on February 10, 1939; he graduated from Bardolph Community High School; from 1962 until 1964, he served as a heavy machine mechanic in the United States Army and was stationed in Thailand; and

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WHEREAS, Damon Bradford worked for Woolworths and Farm King; he co-owned the Plainview Motel, the Frontier Supper Club, Damone's, and Scruples before working at the Illinois Tourism Fulfillment Center; he also campaigned for the Honorable Laura Kent Donahue; and

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WHEREAS, Damon Bradford enjoyed interior decorating and painted and installed wallpaper for many people; he also enjoyed boating on the Mississippi River; a lifelong dancer, he participated in dance competitions with his sister as a child; his motto was "Life may not be the party we hoped for, but while we're here, we might as well dance"; and

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WHEREAS, Damon Bradford was preceded in death by his

1 parents; his sister, Marilyn Bradford; and his good friends,
2 Esther and Willis Nielson; and

3 WHEREAS, Damon Bradford is survived by his sister, Darlene
4 (Gene) Derry; his brothers, Duane (Mick) Bradford and Donald
5 Bradford; his partner of more than 50 years, Roger Carmack; his
6 many nieces and nephews; and his beloved dog, Angel; therefore,
7 be it

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

13 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
14 presented to the family of Damon Bradford as an expression of
15 our deepest sympathy.