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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 Gary Anthony Knight of Springfield, who passed away on May 24, 2020; and

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WHEREAS, Gary Knight grew up in the oil fields of Brownstown and attended a one-room schoolhouse; at 17, he and his brother joined the U.S. Army; he served in Germany from 1961 to 1963 and saw the Berlin Wall constructed; and

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WHEREAS, After graduating from Lincoln Christian College, Gary Knight ministered in two parishes before choosing to serve the State of Illinois as a state police officer from 1969 to 1993; he worked as a trooper and as executive security for Gov. Dan Walker; then, while earning a master's degree at Illinois State University, he joined the Division of Forensic Services as a crime scene investigator; he solved many famous murders and criminal cases before retiring as assistant bureau chief of crime scene; and

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WHEREAS, Gary Knight's life was marked by laughter, love, and faith; he was a consummate jokester and brought levity to almost any situation; the few things he did take seriously were his friends, family, and faith; he counted baptizing several of his fellow troopers as one of his greatest accomplishments; and

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1 WHEREAS, Gary Knight was preceded in death by his parents,
2 Herman and Ruth (Bullard) Knight; his brother, Vic Knight
3 (Sue); and his sister, Linda Thomas (Ronald); and

4 WHEREAS, Gary Knight is survived by his wife of 45 years,
5 Marcia (Petersen) Knight; his sons, Christopher (Will) and
6 Joshua (Desire); his daughters, Kimberly (Mike Humphrey) and
7 Kimberlee; his great-nephews, John and Lee Blocks; and his
8 grandchildren, Seth and Chloe Knight, Taylor and Gillian
9 Humphrey, and Winston and Haddon Knight; therefore, be it

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

15 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
16 presented to the family of Gary Knight as an expression of our
17 deepest sympathy.