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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 Waterstradt of Danville, who passed away on August 21, 2020; and

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WHEREAS, Gary Waterstradt was born in Danville to Henry and Mary (Nolan) Waterstradt on December 29, 1950; he graduated from Danville High School in 1969 and served with the U.S. Army, 101st Airborne Division, 2nd of the 17th Cavalry; he spent one tour in Vietnam and received several recognitions, including the Bronze Star; and

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WHEREAS, Gary Waterstradt worked for the City of Danville from 1973 until his retirement in 2002; his employment encompassed many areas, including serving as Director of Parks and Recreation where he oversaw the municipal pool, over 80 recreational men's and women's softball teams, a pre-school program, and the Little Vermilion Fall Festival; and

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WHEREAS, Gary Waterstradt became a city wide planner in the City Planning and Development Department in 1989; he was instrumental in working with the Danville Zoning Commission, Downtown Danville, Inc., and the Danville Renaissance Board; he played a key role in the purchase of land for Winter Park, the urban renewal area of Main Street that became Towne Center, and

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1 the development and zoning of land allowing for the  
2 construction of Lowes and Walmart; and

3 WHEREAS, Gary Waterstradt's love of the parks continued  
4 with his involvement with his children through baseball,  
5 softball, soccer, and Indian Princesses; his love of family was  
6 reflected in his dedication to the parks and the activities  
7 that surrounded them; and

8 WHEREAS, Gary Waterstradt is survived by his wife, Carolyn  
9 (Day); his children, Eric, Elizabeth, and Katie; his grandson,  
10 Turner; and his brother, John, and his sister, Donna Dines;  
11 therefore, be it

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

17 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
18 presented to the family of Gary Waterstradt as an expression of  
19 our deepest sympathy.