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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives are saddened to learn of the death of Steven
4 R. "Steve" Allendorf of Galena, who passed away on February
5 12, 2021; and

6 WHEREAS, Steve Allendorf was born to Kenneth "Pete" and
7 Ada (Hunzelman) Allendorf on February 10, 1956; he grew up on
8 his family's farm on Gear Street; he attended St. Mary's
9 School, where he served as a hall monitor; he attended Galena
10 High School as a member of the class of 1974; he earned his
11 Associate in Police Science from Rock Valley College; he later
12 obtained his bachelor's degree from the University of Dubuque;
13 he married Dianne Brown at St. Mary's Church in Elizabeth in
14 July 1977, and they had one child, Christopher, born in 1984;
15 and

16 WHEREAS, Steve Allendorf started his career in law
17 enforcement when he was still in high school; he worked at the
18 old jail of the Jo Daviess County Sheriff's Office under
19 then-Sheriff Marlo Specht; he eventually became a deputy
20 sheriff; he then worked as a patrolman with the Galena Police
21 Department and was promoted to sergeant; he was also an EMT
22 with the Galena Ambulance; and

1 WHEREAS, While serving the Galena Police Department, Steve
2 Allendorf was elected sheriff in 1986; he was reelected four
3 times; he served as the president of the Illinois Sheriff's
4 Association; he was also selected to attend the FBI's National
5 Academy for local and state law enforcement; he retired in
6 2005 after 19 years of service; and

7 WHEREAS, After retiring as sheriff, Steve Allendorf worked
8 for several architectural firms that specialized in government
9 buildings; he also worked part time for the Elizabeth and
10 Stockton Police Departments and as a substitute teacher; he
11 served as the vice chair of the Jo Daviess County Board; and

12 WHEREAS, Steve Allendorf loved to travel alongside his
13 wife; he was proud of his son Chris and enjoyed seeing his son
14 sworn in as the Jo Daviess County State's Attorney in January
15 2021; and

16 WHEREAS, Steve Allendorf was proud of his law enforcement
17 service and grateful for the relationships he made through the
18 years; he was proud to see his employees and colleagues
19 succeed and achieve their own dreams; he was a firm believer in
20 second chances; and

21 WHEREAS, Steve Allendorf was preceded in death by his
22 parents; his grandparents, John and Anna Allendorf and Ivan

1 and Emilie Hunzelman; and his uncles and aunts, Melvin and
2 Betty Schultz, John "Bud" Allendorf, Charles and Mary Schultz,
3 and Patricia Bruns; and

4 WHEREAS, Steve Allendorf is survived by his wife; his son
5 and his granddog, Baron; his stepmother, Mildred (Stoewer) and
6 her family; his brothers, Kenny (Carol) and Tom (Karen); his
7 sister, Margaret (Steve) Vandermyde; his nieces and nephews;
8 his aunt, Vivian Allendorf; his uncle, Gerald (Pauline)
9 Allendorf; his numerous cousins; his father-in-law, James
10 (Betty) Brown; his mother-in-law, Patricia Brown; his
11 brothers-in-law, Mark (Becky), Mike (Jane), David (Dena), and
12 Kevin (Dana) Brown; his sister-in-law, Kathy (Rex) Kreuder;
13 and his numerous nieces and nephews; therefore, be it

14 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
15 HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
16 we mourn the passing of Steven R. "Steve" Allendorf and extend
17 our sincere condolences to his family, friends, and all who
18 knew and loved him; and be it further

19 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
20 presented to the family of Steve Allendorf as an expression of
21 our deepest sympathy.