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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of Representatives are saddened to learn of the death of Michael "Kip" Kipley, who passed away on March 20, 2022; and

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WHEREAS, Michael Kipley was born to Donald and Shirley Kipley in Harvey on November 9, 1951; he graduated from Quincy Senior High School, where he played football, in 1970; he attended Culver Stockton College where he also played football, the University of Missouri-Kansas City Conservatory of Music, John Wood Community College where he received an Associate of Arts Degree, Quincy Technical School where he received an Associate Degree in Applied Science in Design Technology with a Minor in Art and Psychology, and Quincy College where he received a Bachelor of Fine Arts Degree in Photography; he married his beautiful bride and best friend Marlene S. Gamm Eaton in Quincy on June 9, 1989; and

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WHEREAS, Michael Kipley was fortunate enough to make a career out of his love for photography and worked for 35 years for the Quincy Herald-Whig; he retired as the director of photography in 2018; he had a passion for capturing challenging sports and action shots; his work has been published in the Chicago Sun-Times, USA Today, the Washington Post, Sports Illustrated, Glamour Magazine, Arizona Highways,

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1 and many other prominent publications; and

2 WHEREAS, Michael Kipley was recognized with numerous
3 state, regional, and even national awards; he was known as
4 "the photo guy" and rarely missed an opportunity to catch the
5 perfect shot, doing whatever it took to capture the best
6 picture; and

7 WHEREAS, Beside photography, Michael Kipley's passions
8 included music, from playing guitar in a band in his younger
9 days to playing for himself as a way to unwind as he grew into
10 adulthood, working outside and perfecting his beautiful
11 backyard, giving lawn mower rides to his grandson, Starbuck's
12 Coffee, or any coffee really as long as it was fresh and hot,
13 and watching sports, especially football, soccer, and, most of
14 all, any sports his children played; a brilliant and curious
15 man by nature, he enjoyed learning throughout his lifetime;
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17 WHEREAS, Michael Kipley was preceded in death by his
18 parents; his sister, Donna Sue Welsh; his niece in infancy,
19 Katherine Rosina; and his beloved dogs, Cimm and Allie; and

20 WHEREAS, Michael Kipley is survived by his wife of 32
21 years, Marlene; his two daughters, Emily Kipley and Kelsey
22 Kipley; his son, Brian (Tiffaney) Eaton; his four

1 grandchildren, Maria Mefford, Zane Burns, Kenson Eaton, and
2 Rinsley Eaton; his brother, Dan (Lois) Kipley; his sister,
3 Penny (Rusty Merkel) Kipley; his brother-in-law, Anthony
4 "Tony" Welsh; and numerous nieces and nephews; therefore, be
5 it

6 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
7 HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
8 we mourn the passing of Michael "Kip" Kipley and extend our
9 sincere condolences to his family, friends, and all who knew
10 and loved him; and be it further

11 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
12 presented to the family of Michael Kipley as an expression of
13 our deepest sympathy.