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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 David
4 Ernest "Dave" Higgins of Peoria, who passed away on November
5 14, 2022; and

6 WHEREAS, Dave Higgins was born to Robert Joseph and Doris
7 Elizabeth (Davis) Higgins in San Francisco, California on
8 January 7, 1953; he served as a medic in the U.S. Army, where
9 he was stationed in Germany during the Vietnam Era; he married
10 Connie J. Kellerstrass on August 25, 1976; and

11 WHEREAS, Dave Higgins retired from Road Sprinkler Fitters
12 Local Union 669 after 30 years of service in 2009; he took
13 pride in working for his union in many capacities and
14 especially enjoyed his time working as an organizer; and

15 WHEREAS, Dave Higgins volunteered for the Heart of
16 Illinois United Way and the NALC food drive; he also served as
17 a blood donor and volunteer for the American Red Cross; and

18 WHEREAS, Dave Higgins was known as a self-described free
19 spirit; he loved music; he unconditionally loved his family;
20 his strength will continue to inspire and comfort those that
21 knew and loved him; and

1 WHEREAS, Dave Higgins was preceded in death by his
2 parents; his stepfather, Melvin F. Gillard; and his faithful
3 friends, Duchess, Sparky, and Jaxon; and

4 WHEREAS, Dave Higgins is survived by his wife; his
5 daughters, Kelli (Michael) Zurek and Kori (Kevin) O'Connor;
6 his grandchildren, Amelia and Isla Zurek and Raina, Meleah,
7 and Bryson Paul; his brother, Ricky (Debbie) Higgins; his
8 sister, Bobbie Polite; his bonus mom and best buddy, Shirley
9 Kellerstrass; his numerous nieces and nephews; his extended
10 family members and friends; and his faithful friend, Charlie;
11 therefore, be it

12 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
13 HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
14 we mourn the passing of David Ernest "Dave" Higgins and extend
15 our sincere condolences to his family, friends, and all who
16 knew and loved him; and be it further

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