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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 Ken Hoffman of Chatham, who passed away on February 23, 2021; and

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WHEREAS, Ken Hoffman was born in Springfield to Raymond William and Anna Matosich Hoffman on September 26, 1949; he attended Glenwood High School, where he played the tuba, the stand-up bass, and the electric guitar bass in the concert and jazz bands; he married Shelley Jeanne Hamilton in Springfield on June 7, 1969; and

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WHEREAS, Ken Hoffman was the second of three generations of Hoffmans to own and operate Wiley Office Furniture, which is a long-standing Springfield business for the provision of contract furniture and interior design; he set a priority on customer service; and

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WHEREAS, Ken Hoffman was passionate about music, both as a performer and a listener; he started his paid performing career as a bass guitarist in the Rubber Band, where he played at dances, bowling alleys, and Pisani's Beer Garden; he later belonged to the bands Strange Brew, Wrinkle, and the well-known Still Crazy; he started playing acoustic guitar with friends in the band W8 4 It, and they performed in

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1 backyards, on back porches, and in the family rooms of devoted
2 fans; he purchased a Hofner violin style bass guitar in 1967;
3 he was a devoted Paul McCartney fan and saw him in concert six
4 times; and

5 WHEREAS, Ken Hoffman was committed to his family, friends,
6 and community; he was a part of the founding committees for the
7 Chatham Jaycee Sweet Corn Festival and Springfield First
8 Night; he was actively involved in the United Way and
9 co-chaired an annual fund drive with his wife; he served on the
10 board of the St. John's Hospital Foundation for several years;
11 he was a past president of the Sangamo Club and past commodore
12 of the Island Bay Yacht Club; he was a member of St. Joseph the
13 Worker Catholic Church in Chatham, where he loved to share
14 kitchen duties for the annual pancake and sausage breakfast
15 and mostaccioli dinner; and

16 WHEREAS, Ken Hoffman loved skiing, scuba diving, and
17 hiking in the mountains and the desert; he enjoyed spending
18 time in his pontoon boat on Lake Springfield with his trusty
19 Chihuahua by his side; he was passionate about cars,
20 especially his 1958 MGA and 1974 1/2 MGB, and he was always
21 thrilled to receive a \$5 award for "Best in Class" at the many
22 car shows he attended; and

23 WHEREAS, Ken Hoffman was known for being meticulous in

1 dress and for his architectural handwriting; he was a loyal
2 friend, a good and kind man, and always gracious to all; he was
3 funny and enjoyed teasing and always had a ready giggle; he
4 liked to dance but was always a half beat off; he had a soft
5 and open heart, believing in the best of everything and
6 everyone; he will be missed by all who knew him; and

7 WHEREAS, Ken Hoffman was preceded in death by his parents;
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9 WHEREAS, Ken Hoffman is survived by his wife, Shelley; his
10 son, Zachary (Hana) Hoffman; his grandchildren, Nick Hoffman
11 and Alicia Hoffman; his brother, John (Susie) Hoffman; his
12 sisters-in-law, Teresa (Mark) Pointer and Allison (Terry)
13 Moore; and several nieces and nephews; therefore, be it

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

18 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
19 presented to the family of Ken Hoffman as an expression of our
20 deepest sympathy.