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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 H. Blake Finch of Silvis, who passed away on April 6, 2021; and

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WHEREAS, Blake Finch was born in Savannah, Georgia on July 6, 1944; he was the son of Braxton and Becky (Gober) Finch; he attended Southern Illinois University; he served in the U.S. Air Force during the Vietnam War; he married Debbie in Port Byron on October 20, 1973; and

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WHEREAS, Blake Finch moved from Granite City to the Quad Cities area to work for National Steel; he worked as the Admissions Manager at The Quad City Downs to meet people in the area; while working at The Quad City Downs, he was introduced to the Duffys, who later offered him a position with their company, Per Mar Security; he retired as vice president of Electronic Security at Per Mar Security after 35 years of service; and

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WHEREAS, Blake Finch was best known for his love of photography and videography, and he was never seen without a camera in hand; he could always be found taking pictures and video of ball games, sporting events, and all things important to friends and family; he cherished his children; and

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1 WHEREAS, Blake Finch was preceded in death by his father
2 and stepmother, Braxton and Regina Finch; his mother and
3 stepfather, Becky and Charlie Hicks; and his brother, Wayne
4 Finch; and

5 WHEREAS, Blake Finch is survived by his wife, Debbie; his
6 children, Jennifer (Matt) Drobney, Kelly Finch, and James
7 Booth; his grandchildren, Kaitlyn, Zachary, Brendan, Braxton,
8 Mattie, and Elizabeth; his sisters, Cindy (Brian) Sheehan and
9 Lynn Mitchell; and his many nieces and nephews; therefore, be
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11 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL
12 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
13 H. Blake Finch and extend our sincere condolences to his
14 family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it
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16 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
17 presented to the family of Blake Finch as an expression of our
18 deepest sympathy.