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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 Buff Carmichael II of Springfield, who passed away on March 21, 2021; and

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WHEREAS, Buff Carmichael was born to Buff and Leona Beatrice (Falkner) Carmichael in Waco, Texas on July 2, 1947; he graduated from the Dallas Institute of Funeral Service; he married Jerry Dean Bowman in Clinton on September 20, 2014; and

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WHEREAS, Buff Carmichael first worked as a funeral director and embalmer in Texas; after moving to Springfield, he worked for the State of Illinois with the EMS and the Department of Nuclear Safety; and

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WHEREAS, Buff Carmichael was the founder and a member of the Coalition of Rainbow Alliances (CORAL) and was instrumental in creating the AIDS Memorial at Lincoln Park; he was a board member and volunteer at the Fifth Street Renaissance SARA Center, a volunteer for Gay & Lesbian Advocates & Defenders (GLAD), and a huge supporter of Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays (PFLAG); he was also a local chapter board member of the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU), a volunteer and youth mentor at the Phoenix

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1 Center, a volunteer at the Abraham Lincoln Museum, and a
2 member of the Abraham Lincoln Unitarian Universalist
3 Congregation; he and his husband created the Prairie Frame
4 newspaper, which they coordinated for 12 years; and

5 WHEREAS, Buff Carmichael loved camping and sharing stories
6 with anyone who would listen; and

7 WHEREAS, Buff Carmichael was preceded in death by his
8 parents; his husband; and his sisters, Carol Carlsen and Nada
9 Bell; and

10 WHEREAS, Buff Carmichael is survived by his children, Trey
11 Carmichael, Janna Doyle, Erin Agee, and James Hunter
12 Carmichael; his numerous grandchildren; his sister, Judy
13 Lohmann; and his many nieces, nephews, and cousins; therefore,
14 be it

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

20 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
21 presented to the family of Buff Carmichael as an expression of

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1 our deepest sympathy.