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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 Jeff Lair of Jacksonville, who passed away on June 18, 2021; and

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WHEREAS, Jeff Lair was born in Jacksonville to Harry Francis and Marian Lois Summers Lair on January 22, 1951; he graduated from Winchester High School; he married Jane Brown, and they were later divorced; he married Shari Markillie in Laramie, Wyoming on September 6, 2005, and she preceded him in death on October 12, 2008; and

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WHEREAS, Jeff Lair worked as a dispatcher and deputy for the Scott County Sheriff's Department; he served as Scott County Coroner from 1974 to 1976, while he studied to become a paramedic and developed an interest in death investigation; he became a paramedic at Passavant Hospital in 1976 and became a deputy coroner that same year; he was elected Morgan County Coroner in 1984, and he served the county until his retirement in 2019; his career at Passavant Hospital spanned 26 years; following his retirement, he served as a security guard at Memorial Medical Center in Springfield and continued his work as owner of Lair Death Investigations, which he founded in 1996; and

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1 WHEREAS, Jeff Lair was well-known for his passion as a
2 coroner and death investigator; he was board certified by the
3 American Board of Medicolegal Investigators and used his
4 knowledge in solving several previously unsolved homicides; he
5 also founded the Underwater Search and Recovery Team in Morgan
6 County and coordinated entomology classes for police
7 investigators on his property north of Jacksonville; and

8 WHEREAS, Jeff Lair served as president of Mothers Against
9 Drunk Driving; he was an active member of Kiwanis Club of
10 Jacksonville; he also enjoyed golfing and riding his
11 motorcycle; and

12 WHEREAS, Jeff Lair is survived by his children, Jennifer
13 Smith, Derek Lair, and Skyler Lair, and his sisters, Janice
14 (Donn) Lobb and Jane (Patrick) McGowan; therefore, 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 Jeff Lair and extend our sincere condolences to his family,
18 friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it further

19 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
20 presented to the family of Jeff Lair as an expression of our
21 deepest sympathy.