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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 David Martin Nolan of Danville, who passed away on June 1, 2021; and

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WHEREAS, David Nolan was born to Joseph and Grace (Calvin) Nolan in Warren, Ohio on May 4, 1945; at age 12, he contracted polio; at age 16, he underwent a spinal fusion to help support his spine; he graduated from Southern Illinois University with a degree in City Planning; while in college, he was a research assistant to R. Buckminster Fuller; he married Barbara Jean Brenner in Danville on February 6, 1982; and

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WHEREAS, David Nolan's jobs included city planning in Warren, Ohio and Decatur, being part of the Regional Planning Commission in Vermilion County, and working as a day-treatment counselor at Danville Manor Nursing Home, Promise House, and Crosspoint Human Services; after retirement, he worked part time at Crose Insurance in Danville and was the co-curator of the Alley Gallery located at 113 N. Vermilion Street in Danville, a place designed to offer exposure and experience in a gallery setting to local artists; and

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WHEREAS, David Nolan was a self-taught professional fine arts photographer whose boundless curiosity led him to

1 experiment with photographic processes such as 1850s
2 cyanotypes, standard and manipulated Polaroids, darkroom
3 photography, hand coloring black-and-white prints, liquid
4 emulsion, large format cameras, and digital prints; he
5 sculpted whimsical figures to use in his photographs that were
6 featured at the Springer Cultural Center in Champaign; his
7 photographs have been exhibited and awarded at several
8 galleries and venues in Danville, Champaign-Urbana, Mount
9 Vernon, Warren, Ohio, and Denver, Colorado; many of his photos
10 are housed at the Sousa Archives at the University of
11 Illinois, and the rest of his works and negatives will be added
12 to the collection later; and

13 WHEREAS, David Nolan's victory over polio taught him quiet
14 patience, which was a hallmark of his demeanor; he was
15 intelligent and always ready to learn new things; he enjoyed
16 all styles of music and loved live concerts; he will
17 especially be remembered for his expressive eyes and deep,
18 powerful laughter; and

19 WHEREAS, David Nolan was preceded in death by his parents;
20 his two brothers, Joseph Michael Nolan and Lloyd Eugene Nolan;
21 his sister-in-law, Linda Iwanicki Nolan; his brother-in-law,
22 Lonnie Azecusky; and his two nephews, Anthony Perkins
23 (Brenner) and Ryan Merana; and

1 WHEREAS, David Nolan is survived by his wife, Barbara; his
2 brother, Arthur Francis Nolan; his sister, Sharon Nolan
3 Azecusky; his brother-in-law, Richard (Joann) Joseph Brenner;
4 his niece and nephews, Zachary Merana, Connor Nolan, Trevor
5 Nolan, Marina Patrice Nolan Vare, Joseph Brenner, and Andrew
6 Brenner; his several grandnieces and grandnephews; his two
7 cats, Ernie and Jessie; and his big dog, Noah; therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL
9 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
10 David Martin Nolan and extend our sincere condolences to his
11 family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it
12 further

13 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
14 presented to the family of David Nolan as an expression of our
15 deepest sympathy.