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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 Robert J. "Bob" Cassidy of Peoria, who passed away on July 2, 2021; and

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WHEREAS, Bob Cassidy was born in Peoria to Robert A. "Bib" Cassidy and Delores M. (Wyzlic) Cassidy on September 19, 1949; he was raised in the South Side of Peoria; he attended St. Boniface Grade School and graduated from Manual High School in 1969; he then completed a 5-year Steamfitter apprenticeship; he married Mary Alycia Navarro on April 4, 1970, and they raised their four children in Bartonville; and

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WHEREAS, Bob Cassidy became a devoted member of Steamfitters Local 353; during his 50-year career within the Steamfitter union, he served in many capacities, including as business agent and business manager; he retired as a state organizer for the Illinois Pipe Trades in 2009; he also served on multiple committees and was a union steward for the Edward Power Station and the Pabst Brewing Company; he enjoyed traveling for his union brotherhood alongside his wife, Mary; and

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WHEREAS, Bob Cassidy was an avid golfer, joke teller, sports fan, and coach; he enjoyed vacationing and spending

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1 time with his family; he loved being a full-time grandfather
2 during his retirement and enjoyed watching his grandchildren
3 play sports; he coached countless soccer, softball, baseball,
4 and football teams over the years; and

5 WHEREAS, Bob Cassidy was an incredible father who was
6 known for being protective, caring, warm, selfless, and
7 candid; he served as an endless source of guidance, fatherly
8 advice, discipline, and humor for his children and their many
9 friends; he always put others before himself and gave more
10 than he received; and

11 WHEREAS, Bob Cassidy was preceded in death by his parents
12 and his brother, John A. Cassidy; and

13 WHEREAS, Bob Cassidy is survived by his wife of 51 years,
14 Mary A. Cassidy; his children, Bobby (Toni) Cassidy II, Erica
15 (Jeremy) Placher, Bret (Kirbie) Cassidy, and Nicole (Nate)
16 Shaw; his grandchildren, Roman Cassidy, Sophia Cassidy, Nolan
17 Placher, Pierce Placher, and Brooks Placher; and his sisters,
18 Linda (David) Ogle, Karen Clark, and Donna (Ray) Crawl;
19 therefore, be it

20 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL
21 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
22 Robert J. "Bob" Cassidy and extend our sincere condolences to

1 his family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it
2 further

3 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
4 presented to the family of Bob Cassidy as an expression of our
5 deepest sympathy.