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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 Roger L. Behm of Port Byron, who passed away on October 19, 2021; and

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WHEREAS, Roger Behm was born to Walter and Leona (Fromme) Behm in Moline on August 14, 1942; he graduated from Port Byron High School in 1960; he served in the U.S. Army during the Vietnam Era from 1966 to 1968; and

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WHEREAS, Roger Behm held various jobs during his life, including working at the former Port Byron State Bank for several years; he also had a long history of working at the funeral home in Port Byron, which included washing cars for Dailey Mortuary as a teenager and working as a funeral assistant and on the ambulance for Leon Gibson; he retired from his duties as a funeral assistant for the Gibson - Bode Funeral Home in 2016; he also worked for Illini Hospital, driving the hospital's Care Van, for over 15 years; and

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WHEREAS, Roger Behm loved ballroom dancing with his longtime partner, Shirley Meade, and they traveled the Midwest, following their favorite bands, Jack Morgan and Lonny Lynn, and cherishing the many friendships they made along the way; he enjoyed his daily walks through Port Byron, which were

1 usually extended by visiting with everyone he encountered
2 along his path; and

3 WHEREAS, Roger Behm was preceded in death by his parents
4 and his sister, Joyce Beale; and

5 WHEREAS, Roger Behm is survived by his children, Pamela
6 (Richard Jr.) Snell and David (Terry) Behm; his grandchildren,
7 Richard Snell III (Emily Burke), Emma Snell, Lauren Behm, Cal
8 Behm, and Kendall Behm; his special friend of 34 years,
9 Shirley Meade; and his former wife, Pat MacGowan; therefore,
10 be it

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 Roger L. Behm and extend our sincere condolences to his
14 family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it
15 further

16 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
17 presented to the family of Roger Behm as an expression of our
18 deepest sympathy.