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1 SENATE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate are saddened 3 to learn of the death of James Russell Beard of Acworth, who 4 passed away on November 8, 2021; and

WHEREAS, James Beard was an avid gardener and shared his crops with family and friends; he loved the process of canning and freezing his crops to enjoy all winter; he loved preparing entrees on the smoker that he and his nephew built and enjoyed sharing his cooking techniques with all his nieces and nephews; he would break bread with family and friends anywhere and anytime; and

WHEREAS, James Beard enjoyed traveling and the adventures that he and his wife shared, making memories and friends along the way; he was a skilled woodworker and carpenter and always had projects going; he and his brother loved fishing; and

WHEREAS, James Beard is survived by his wife, Mary Lynn Beard; his daughter, Judy (Randy) Beard Graeser; his brother, Leonard E. (Claudia) Beard; his sister, Sharon (Bill) Harrell; his grandchildren, Gabe, Sam, and Maddy Graeser; and several nieces and nephews; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL

- 1 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
- James Russell Beard and extend our sincere condolences to his
- 3 family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it
- 4 further
- 5 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
- 6 presented to the family of James Beard as an expression of our
- 7 deepest sympathy.