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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 A. "Bob" Shay of Rochester, formerly of Jacksonville, who passed away on January 4, 2022; and

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WHEREAS, Bob Shay was born in Jacksonville to Leo Harvey and Doris Rolf Shay on October 28, 1949; he graduated from Jacksonville High School in 1967 and received a Bachelor of Arts from Illinois College in 1972 and a Master of Science from the University of Illinois Springfield in 1975; he married Pamela Elaine Selway in Jacksonville on May 21, 1972; and

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WHEREAS, Bob Shay began a distinguished career in law enforcement with the City of Jacksonville Police Department and later joined the Crime Prevention Commission; he then served as the administrative assistant to the Springfield Chief of Police prior to joining the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) in 1983; he served the FBI in various roles in numerous field offices, including Wilmington, North Carolina, Youngstown, Ohio, and Effingham and Champaign; he served several communities across Illinois, including as Supervisory Special Agent (SSA) with the Champaign Resident Agency focusing on Foreign Counter-Intelligence and International and Domestic Terrorism; in 2003, he was named

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1 the SSA of the newly created Joint Terrorism Task Force based
2 in Springfield and later added collateral duty as a hostage
3 negotiator; following his retirement from the FBI in 2006, he
4 was named Marshal of the Illinois Supreme Court until his
5 retirement in 2015; and

6 WHEREAS, Bob Shay was a dedicated member of St. John's
7 Lutheran Church in Chatham, where he served in the past as
8 Security Committee Chairman and as an Elder; he was the
9 current Congregational President; in past years, he coached
10 tee-ball, baseball, and soccer; he was an active member and a
11 past president of the Jacksonville Jaycees; he enjoyed fishing
12 and working on carpentry projects; he was a devoted husband,
13 father, and father-in-law who was dedicated to his faith, his
14 family, and his country; and

15 WHEREAS, Bob Shay was preceded in death by his parents;
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17 WHEREAS, Bob Shay is survived by his wife, Pamela; his
18 children, Erik Robert (Emily) Shay and Sara Elizabeth
19 (Giovanni) Randazzo; his grandchildren, Ethan and Eli Shay and
20 Joseph and Michael Randazzo; his sister, Marian (Donald)
21 Seymour; and several nieces and nephews; therefore, be it

22 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL

1 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
2 Robert A. "Bob" Shay 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 Bob Shay as an expression of our
7 deepest sympathy.