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SENATE RESOLUTION

2           WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate are saddened  
3 to learn of the death of Charley "Joey" Moyer of Wilmington,  
4 North Carolina, formerly of Alton, who passed away on  
5 September 16, 2021; and

6           WHEREAS, Joey Moyer was born with cerebral palsy in  
7 Chicago on May 1, 1945; he was immediately adopted by William  
8 and Pauline Moyer; he was placed in the former Illinois Asylum  
9 for Feeble-Minded Children in Lincoln at the age of two and a  
10 half years; he relocated to a foster home in Alton in 1968;  
11 while in Alton, he was cared for by Dale and Carol Neudecker  
12 for over 30 years; and

13           WHEREAS, Joey Moyer was affectionately known as "Alton's  
14 Can Man" for picking up aluminum cans as an additional source  
15 of income around Upper Alton every day, no matter the weather;  
16 he was well known in the area for his hard work and friendly  
17 smile, and he was considered one of Alton's most famous  
18 residents; and

19           WHEREAS, Joey Moyer was determined to live life as  
20 normally as possible; after he left the foster home in Alton,  
21 he rented a very small apartment off Ninth Street; while  
22 there, he was severely beaten by a fellow boarder in 1987; his

1 attack and the ensuing news coverage resulted in then-Governor  
2 Jim Thompson enacting the "Joey Bill", which made it a felony  
3 to attack a physically handicapped person; he was permitted to  
4 sit in Governor Thompson's chair as the governor signed the  
5 bill into law on January 13, 1988; and

6 WHEREAS, Joey Moyer was reunited with his adoptive  
7 brothers in 2009, a meeting that he always wanted; and

8 WHEREAS, Joey Moyer, when he could no longer live on his  
9 own, moved to the home of his close friends Roger and Pat  
10 Lowery in Wilmington, North Carolina; he then eventually moved  
11 to a retirement facility, where he became a checkers master  
12 and challenged all comers at his new home; he was very happy  
13 during his last few years; and

14 WHEREAS, Joey Moyer was an exceptional human being of  
15 extraordinary perseverance who was loved by all who knew him;  
16 therefore, be it

17 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL  
18 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of  
19 Charley "Joey" Moyer and extend our sincere condolences to his  
20 family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it  
21 further

1           RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
2 presented to the family of Joey Moyer as an expression of our  
3 deepest sympathy.