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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 John F. Trees of Springfield, who passed away on July 6, 2022; and

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WHEREAS, John Trees was born to Arthur C. and Frances M. Madigan Trees in Urbana on June 5, 1947; he graduated from Feisthans High School in 1965; he attended Lincoln Land Community College; he served in the U.S. Air Force during the Vietnam War, where he developed lifelong friendships and received an honorable discharge; he married Candice D. Senor in Springfield on September 28, 1974; and

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WHEREAS, John Trees was a skilled laborer and an accomplished carpenter, and he held several trade certifications; he retired from the Illinois Department of Transportation, after an illustrious career with the State of Illinois; his career included a stint at the Illinois State Fair, where he worked as a carpenter; he additionally served as a journeyman for the Carpenter Apprenticeship School and worked at the Clinton Nuclear Power Plant for a short time; and

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WHEREAS, John Trees was a member of American Legion Post 809, Carpenter's Local 16, and Stationary Engineers Local 399; and

1 WHEREAS, John Trees was a voracious reader, and he loved
2 reading the Sunday New York Times; he also loved listening to
3 good music, traveling, eating delicious food, getting a good
4 bargain, going to garage sales, and antiquing; in his younger
5 years, he and his wife annually attended the New Orleans Jazz
6 Fest; he was a devoted Cardinals fan and supported the local
7 high school sports teams, especially the Southeast High School
8 Spartans' girls basketball and track teams; he enjoyed taking
9 hunting trips to Pike County and fishing at Reelfoot Lake in
10 Tennessee with his daughters, brother, and nephews; he also
11 enjoyed spending time with his grandchildren; and

12 WHEREAS, John Trees was affectionately known as "Papa
13 John"; he was also fondly known as "Tall Trees" by his friends
14 at Spammy's; he was a master carpenter who could fix anything
15 or knew someone who could if he could not; he was always
16 willing to lend a hand to those in need and knew no strangers;
17 he and his wife opened their home to family and friends in
18 their times of need and hosted many fun filled June birthday
19 parties; and

20 WHEREAS, John Trees is survived by his wife of 47 years,
21 Candice D. Trees; his daughters, Peggi (Marcus) Trees-Gant,
22 Jessi Trees, and Johanna (Dr. Corbet Ellison) Trees, Esq.; his
23 niece, Dr. Alexandra (Sherwin) Lockridge Jr.; his

1 grandchildren, Makai, Marisa, Megan, Dariana, and Madigan; his
2 brother, Tom (Norma) Trees; his in-laws, Deborah (David)
3 Burns, Lester Kevin (Linda) Senor, Patricia (Donald) Carter,
4 Herman (Valeria) Senor, and Mark Senor; his nephews, Josh
5 (Yvan) Trees, Brook (Lynn) Trees, and Patrick Trees; his good
6 friend, Jesse Bustamante; his friend, John B. Hudson; the sons
7 to whom he was a father figure, Donald, Harrison, and Ho Chi;
8 his beloved dog, Max; a host of nieces and nephews; and all his
9 friends around the globe; therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL
11 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
12 John F. Trees and extend our sincere condolences to his
13 family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it
14 further

15 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
16 presented to the family of John Trees as an expression of our
17 deepest sympathy.