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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 Michael A. Hurt of Jacksonville, who passed away on September 14, 2022; and

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WHEREAS, Michael Hurt was born to Gerald Allen and Helen Louise Ulrey Hurt in Terre Haute, Indiana on September 17, 1948; he married Peggy Lee "Jamsie" Waldron in Norwalk, Connecticut on November 26, 1975; he graduated from Eastern Illinois University (EIU) in Charleston; he later earned his MBA from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign; and

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WHEREAS, Michael Hurt taught at Petersburg Porta High School until he joined the Abraham Lincoln Council of the Boy Scouts of America as a district executive for the Honest Abe District; he left professional scouting to serve as the executive director for JAARC/Pathway School from 1973 to 1984; during this time, he spearheaded the construction of their first building on South West Street in Jacksonville; later in 1984, he joined the Illinois Department of Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities and was named the superintendent for the Jacksonville Developmental Center, where he served for many years; prior to his retirement, he served as the deputy director of the Illinois Department of Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities, spending much of his efforts

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1 traveling Illinois to inspect and improve mental health
2 facilities; and

3 WHEREAS, In past years, Michael Hurt was active with Grace
4 United Methodist Church, First Christian Church, and Lincoln
5 Avenue Baptist Church; he was committed to numerous mission
6 trips to Haiti, Africa, and the Dominican Republic through the
7 In His Service organization, where he served as a dedicated
8 board member; he also served as a board chair and director at
9 Passavant Area Hospital, a volunteer scouter, and an Elks
10 Little League volunteer; he was a former member of the
11 Jacksonville Kiwanis, the Jacksonville AMBUCS, and the
12 Jacksonville Elks Lodge; and

13 WHEREAS, Michael Hurt enjoyed riding motorcycles with
14 friends if it meant stopping for ice cream; he loved playing
15 card games with friends, rooting for the Illini football and
16 basketball teams, country line dancing, catching the late
17 movie at a local theater, going on long drives with his golden
18 retriever, Marmalade, working in his yard, eating fried fish
19 at dive bars, following Crimsons basketball, and taking
20 last-minute road trips to Busch Stadium followed by purchasing
21 some White Castle cheeseburgers for the ride home; he was
22 proud to own a condo in Costa Rica; and

23 WHEREAS, Michael Hurt is survived by his wife; his

1 children, Amy (Stuart) Rivers, Matthew (Toni) Hurt, and Kyla
2 Hurt; his grandchildren, Jacob Rivers, Isabella Rivers,
3 Brandon Hurt, Maycee Hurt, and Finnigan Hurt; his sisters,
4 Carole (John) Brandenburg and Becky (Bob) White; and his
5 several nieces and nephews; therefore, be it

6 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL
7 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
8 Michael A. Hurt and extend our sincere condolences to his
9 family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it
10 further

11 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
12 presented to the family of Michael Hurt as an expression of our
13 deepest sympathy.