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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives are saddened to learn of the death of David
4 Stover, who passed away on April 2, 2023; and

5 WHEREAS, David Stover was born to Rosalee Stover and Dan
6 Stover in Centralia on November 12, 1946; he earned his Master
7 of Science in Rehabilitation Administration and Counseling
8 from Southern Illinois University at Carbondale; he married
9 Janet Dhom on August 28, 1977; and

10 WHEREAS, David Stover was named executive director of the
11 Illinois Association of Rehabilitation Facilities (IARF) on
12 November 5, 1975, which was founded to assist in the
13 development and improvement of services to Illinois
14 rehabilitation facilities and the clients and patients of
15 those facilities through study, experimentation, and an
16 exchange of experiences; under his leadership, IARF grew to
17 the largest statewide organization of
18 intellectual/developmental disability providers in the State
19 of Illinois; during his tenure, the organization advanced the
20 missions of not-for-profit disability providers throughout
21 Illinois through advocacy to the government of Illinois; and

22 WHEREAS, David Stover was named manager of the newly

1 formed American Medical Rehabilitation Providers Association
2 (AMRPA) in 1997, which was founded to provide legislative and
3 regulatory advocacy, policy development, educational
4 resources, and technical assistance and to advance the
5 interests of the medical rehabilitation providers community
6 overall; and

7 WHEREAS, David Stover founded the association management
8 company Futures in Rehabilitation Management (FIRM); over the
9 next several years, his firm successfully managed the
10 operations of several national and Illinois-based
11 associations, including IARF, AMRPA, the Academy of Spinal
12 Cord Injury Professionals (ASCIP), the Illinois Society of
13 Association Executives (ISAE), the American Society of Trial
14 Consultants (ASTC), the Association of Veterinary Technician
15 Educators (AVTE), the Illinois State Dental Foundation (ISDF),
16 and the Illinois Society of Association Executives (ISAE; and

17 WHEREAS, David Stover was involved in many organizations
18 throughout his community; he and a committed team of leaders
19 were instrumental in bringing the National High School Rodeo
20 Finals to Springfield for the first time in 2000, which
21 subsequently returned to Springfield in 2001, 2006, and 2007;
22 he cofounded the Round Prairie Co-op in 2008, a not-for-profit
23 organization committed to building a water supply and
24 distribution system, which has provided water services to over

1 300 residences in central Illinois; he also served as
2 secretary of the Boys & Girls Clubs of Central Illinois' Board
3 of Directors for several years until 2011; and

4 WHEREAS, David and Janet Stover, through their marriage
5 and partnership, were responsible for significant
6 contributions to not-for-profit social service organizations
7 in Illinois and throughout the country; they also established
8 the David and Janet Stover Scholarship with Southern Illinois
9 University at Carbondale in 1994 to recognize and support an
10 outstanding graduate student with motivation and concern to
11 work for improvements in services for persons with
12 disabilities, with their scholarship having been awarded to 50
13 students since its establishment; and

14 WHEREAS, David Stover designed his partially underground
15 home, where he and his wife resided for 32 years, which was
16 featured in an episode on Home & Garden TV (HGTV) in 2005; and

17 WHEREAS, David Stover was preceded in death by his parents
18 and his brother, Donny; and

19 WHEREAS, David Stover is survived by his wife; his
20 daughters, Amy (Michael) Cheatham and Charlene (Mike) Walsh;
21 his grandson, Noah; his brother, Danny (Linda) Stover; his
22 sister-in-law, Jan Stover; his nephews, Brennan, Dannon, Zach,

1 and Gabe; and his friend and first wife, Susan (Richard)
2 Morris; therefore, be it

3 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
4 HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
5 we mourn the passing of David Stover and extend our sincere
6 condolences to his family, friends, and all who knew and loved
7 him; and be it further

8 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
9 presented to the family of David Stover as an expression of our
10 deepest sympathy.