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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 Kenneth
4 Torkelson, who passed away on April 9, 2023; and

5 WHEREAS, Kenneth Torkelson was born in Chicago to his
6 loving parents, Ruby and Ken Torkelson, on November 7, 1940;
7 he was a distinguished graduate of the class of 1958 at Antioch
8 Community High School, where he exhibited academic excellence,
9 camaraderie, and a commitment to his community that would
10 become the cornerstone of his legacy; and

11 WHEREAS, Kenneth Torkelson was an astute entrepreneur, who
12 established himself as a reputable owner and businessman of
13 The Car Store in Antioch, where he not only thrived
14 professionally but also fostered meaningful connections with
15 his clientele, leaving an indelible mark on the local business
16 landscape; and

17 WHEREAS, Kenneth Torkelson's philanthropic spirit found a
18 home within the Antioch Lions Club, where he actively
19 contributed to numerous charitable initiatives, demonstrating
20 an unwavering dedication to the betterment of his community;
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1 WHEREAS, Kenneth Torkelson embarked on a new chapter of
2 his life in 1990, relocating to California alongside his
3 devoted life partner of 34 years, Sharon "Sherry" Simmer,
4 forging a partnership that was grounded in love; and

5 WHEREAS, Kenneth Torkelson was affectionately known as
6 "Tork" and leaves behind a legacy of kindness, generosity, and
7 community service, which will be forever cherished by those
8 who had the honor of knowing him; and

9 WHEREAS, Kenneth Torkelson was preceded in death by his
10 beloved parents, Kenneth and Ruby Torkelson; and

11 WHEREAS, At the time of his passing, Kenneth Torkelson was
12 survived by his lifelong partner, Sharon Simmer; his devoted
13 children, Ken "Butch" (Wendi) Torkelson, Bob (Susan)
14 Torkelson, Tim (Colleen) Torkelson, Pat (Colleen) Torkelson,
15 and Annie (Geoff) Guttschow; numerous cherished grandchildren
16 and great-grandchildren; and his many friends; therefore, be
17 it

18 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
19 HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
20 we mourn the passing of Kenneth Torkelson and extend our
21 sincere condolences to his family, friends, and all who knew
22 and loved him; and be it further

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