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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 Ray "Mike" Cooper of Hamilton, who passed away on January 30, 2023; and

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WHEREAS, Mike Cooper was born to Albert Leroy and Margaret Maxine (West) Cooper in Keokuk, Iowa on April 9, 1958; he served in the U.S. Army during Operation Desert Storm and was stationed in Germany; he also served in the National Guard for 13 years; he was honorably discharged; and

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WHEREAS, Mike Cooper was employed as a caretaker at Keokuk National Cemetery in Keokuk, Iowa from 1999 until his retirement in 2019; and

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WHEREAS, Mike Cooper was a member of the Hamilton VFW; during his free time, he enjoyed watching TV, listening to the radio, and hunting for mushrooms and geodes; he loved taking drives around the area, and he frequented Menards and Casey's; his favorite hobbies included the Wordscapes app and photography; and

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WHEREAS, Mike Cooper was known for his big heart and for always helping others; and

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1 WHEREAS, Mike Cooper was preceded in death by his parents;
2 his brothers, Albert "Punk" Cooper and Roger Cooper; his
3 sister, Norma Jones; and his grandson, Christopher Gonzales;
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5 WHEREAS, Mike Cooper is survived by his daughter, Brooke
6 Cooper; his sister, Marge Vickers; his grandchildren, Chance
7 Cooper and Nathan Gonzales; his great-grandson, Cohan Michael
8 Cooper; his several nieces, nephews, and cousins; and his
9 cats, Snowball and Tawny; therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL
11 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
12 Michael Ray "Mike" Cooper and extend our sincere condolences
13 to his family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be
14 it further

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