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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 Gary Lynn Icenogle of Carthage, who passed away on June 1, 2023; and

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WHEREAS, Gary Icenogle was born to William E. Icenogle and Wilma Jean (Bauser) Curtis in Spring Valley on August 1, 1946; he graduated from Rushville High School in 1965; he enlisted in the U.S. Air Force, where he was a heavy machinery operator and ordinance specialist while stationed at Andersen Air Force Base in Guam during the Vietnam War; he completed his service at March Air Force Base and was honorably discharged with the rank of sergeant on January 18, 1972; he was baptized and confirmed in his faith at Immanuel Lutheran Church in rural Carthage on October 21, 1972; he married Carolyn Kay Huls on May 12, 1973; and

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WHEREAS, Gary Icenogle was employed by the Western Illinois Electric Co-op (WIEC); he furthered his education by earning a degree in heating, air-conditioning, and refrigeration from Southeastern Community College in August 1990; he was also employed in maintenance at the Bentley Lumber Company, Robert Morris College, Southeastern Community College, and Memorial Hospital, from which he retired in 2008; and

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1 WHEREAS, Gary Icenogle devoted himself as a Boy Scout
2 leader for many years, volunteering as scoutmaster for Troop
3 72 of Carthage from 1986 to 1991; under his leadership,
4 approximately 14 young men earned the rank of Eagle Scout; as a
5 result of his efforts, he was awarded Volunteer of the Year by
6 Cub Scout Pack 39 in 1986, the National Scoutmaster Award of
7 Merit in 1990, the Algonquin District Award of Merit in 1991,
8 and the Eagle Ridge District Award of Merit for the Saukee Area
9 Council in 1993; and

10 WHEREAS, Gary Icenogle had a passion for fishing and loved
11 the outdoors; he instilled a love for camping, hunting, and
12 especially fishing in his children and grandchildren; he
13 enjoyed woodworking, leaving behind many keepsakes; he was
14 very artistic and occasionally painted woodland scenes and
15 refurbished vintage steel toy trucks; in his later years, he
16 also assembled model airplanes; he enjoyed reading,
17 particularly Civil War era history; he was fond of raising
18 cattle and tinkering with tractors; he had an undying love for
19 his family that will be felt for many generations to come; and

20 WHEREAS, Gary Icenogle was preceded in death by his wife,
21 Carolyn; his parents; and his stepfather, Clyde Curtis; and

22 WHEREAS, Gary Icenogle is survived by his son, Steven

1 James (Megan) Icenogle; his daughter, Jennifer Lynn
2 (Christopher) Meeks; his grandchildren, Jessie, Dalton, and
3 Zachary Icenogle and Samuel and Benjamin Meeks; his brothers,
4 Eldon "Butch" Icenogle and Dennis (Kate) Icenogle; his
5 sisters, Debra Bordenkircher, Barbara (Roger) Bailey, and
6 Shelly (Hank) Petrey; his in-laws, Carla (Kenneth) Crossland,
7 Nancy Huls, and Lester (Yvonne) Huls; and numerous nieces and
8 nephews; therefore, be it

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

14 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
15 presented to the family of Gary Icenogle as an expression of
16 our deepest sympathy.