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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 Stephen Anderson Bradley of Springfield, who passed away on June 19, 2023; and

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WHEREAS, Stephen Bradley was born to Don Bell Bradley Jr. and Anna Vaughn Anderson Bradley in Taylorville on November 19, 1947; he received an associate's degree in supervisory management from Lincoln Land Community College; he earned his Bachelor of Arts in Labor Relations from Sangamon State University; and

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WHEREAS, Stephen Bradley was a man of service to the nation and his community; he served with the Military Police in the U.S. Army from 1966 to 1973 and then as an elected police commissioner for the Village of Jerome from 1974 to 1984, where he was instrumental in establishing the Sangamon County 911 system; and

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WHEREAS, Professionally, Stephen Bradley worked as a plant accountant at Central Illinois Public Service Company from 1971 to 1998 and for the Comptroller of the State of Illinois from 2000 to 2009; and

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WHEREAS, Stephen Bradley was part of the state and

1 national leadership of the Sons of the American Revolution  
2 (SAR), serving as chapter president of Springfield, president  
3 of Illinois, vice president general of the Great Lakes Region,  
4 and chair of the State Presidents' Council; he also supported  
5 the formation of the Ladies Auxiliary, ensuring his wife,  
6 Jane, was able to participate; through SAR, he assisted in  
7 placing flags on patriots' graves, attended flag ceremonies,  
8 and organized the scholarship program; and

9 WHEREAS, Stephen Bradley was an active Red Cross  
10 volunteer, aiding in the national response to the tornadoes  
11 and flooding in Nashville and Jackson, Tennessee, Biloxi,  
12 Mississippi, and Raleigh, North Carolina; he delivered food  
13 and water, managed public relations, and handled cost recovery  
14 for weeks after disasters; when he was back in Springfield, he  
15 managed the urban response vehicle fleet, making sure that the  
16 Red Cross was always ready to serve; he also volunteered as a  
17 house manager at Sangamon Auditorium for 20 years; and

18 WHEREAS, Stephen Bradley was a faithful member of Laurel  
19 United Methodist Church; he loved traveling and organizing  
20 family vacations, including trips to Haiti and Venezuela and  
21 canoe trips to the boundary waters of Minnesota and Canada;  
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23 WHEREAS, Stephen Bradley is survived by his wife of 51

1 years, Jane (Thompson); his daughter, Becky (Joshua Smoyer)  
2 Bradley; his son, Stephen Bradley II; his great-aunt, Martha  
3 Bradley; his brother, Don (Jan McClain) Bradley III; several  
4 nieces and nephews; and his grand-dogs, Jimi Lee, Roscoe, and  
5 Luna; therefore, be it

6 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL  
7 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of  
8 Stephen Anderson Bradley and extend our sincere condolences to  
9 his 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 Stephen Bradley as an expression of  
13 our deepest sympathy.