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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 Henry E. "Woody" Kramer, who passed away on December 12, 2023; and

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WHEREAS, Woody Kramer was born to Mary Rosetta (Roedl) and Henry A. Kramer in Altamont on May 19, 1941; he graduated from Villa Grove High School in 1959; he attended Springfield Junior College for two years before transferring to the University of Illinois, earning a degree in English and History in 1962; he married Mary Alice Strassburger on January 25, 1964; he graduated from the University of Illinois College of Law in 1965; and

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WHEREAS, Woody Kramer became a partner at the law firm of Brainard, Bower & Kramer law in Charleston, where he practiced law for nearly 50 years; and

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WHEREAS, Woody Kramer was an active member of the St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church in Charleston; he belonged to several organizations, including as a 4th Degree Knight of the Knights of Columbus, a founding member of the Charleston Area Charitable Foundation, and a member of the Charleston Area Economic Development Board, the Coles Together Board, the Coles County 708 Board, and the Charleston Parks and

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1 Recreation Board; and

2 WHEREAS, Woody Kramer adored his wife, children, and
3 grandchildren; he loved mushroom hunting, following the St.
4 Louis Cardinals and University of Illinois sports, telling
5 stories about a pair of make-believe deer named Deenie &
6 Donnie, golfing, gardening, storm chasing, and watching
7 sunsets; and

8 WHEREAS, Woody Kramer was known, loved, and respected by
9 many; he never knew a stranger and made friends wherever he
10 went; he will be remembered for his loving kindness, his
11 generosity, and for always having time for everyone he met;
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13 WHEREAS, Woody Kramer was preceded in death by his parents
14 and his siblings, Bernie Kramer, Peggy Blanchard, Anita
15 Brazzell, and Denise Hassan; and

16 WHEREAS, Woody Kramer is survived by his wife of 59 years,
17 Mary Alice Kramer; his children, Liane Foerder, Alice (Mike)
18 Dutler, Kevin Kramer, Letha (Lisa Watkins) Kramer, Ellen
19 (Bryan) Ericson, and Lauren (Ryan Anderson) Kramer; his
20 grandchildren, Stephanie (Dustin) Gay, Becca Foerder, Lexi
21 Foerder, Christian Dutler, Matthew Dutler, Abby Dutler, Livia
22 Kramer, Henry Kramer, Griffin Kramer, Hannah Ericson, Owen

1 Ericson, Charlotte Kramer-Watkins, and Isaac Kramer-Watkins;
2 and his siblings, Barbara Legner, Tony Kramer, Mary (Peggy
3 Johnston) Parker, Anicia Kramer, and Cami (Steve) Pisklak;
4 therefore, be it

5 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL
6 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
7 Henry E. "Woody" Kramer and extend our sincere condolences to
8 his family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it
9 further

10 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
11 presented to the family of Woody Kramer as an expression of our
12 deepest sympathy.