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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 Johnny Ray "John" Shallenberger of Creve Coeur, who passed away on January 22, 2024; and

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WHEREAS, John Shallenberger was born in Peoria to Vernie Ray and Doris Agnes (Akridge) Shallenberger on July 20, 1954; he married Debbie Relker in Sunnyland on June 9, 1973; and

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WHEREAS, John Shallenberger retired from Caterpillar, Inc. on January 1, 2016 after 43 years of service; he then went to work for the Tazewell County Sheriff's Office as a bailiff at the courthouse on January 4, 2016; he held the position of chief bailiff since March 20, 2021; and

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WHEREAS, John Shallenberger was a retired member of United Auto Workers Local 974 and was active in their leadership for many years, last serving as financial secretary; in addition, he was civic minded and had served as Groveland Township Supervisor, a Village of Creve Coeur Trustee, and a precinct committeeman; and

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WHEREAS, John Shallenberger's family was a priority to him, and he loved watching his grandchildren participate in sports and their activities; he also enjoyed gardening and was

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1 known for raising jalapenos and making jalapeno jelly; he
2 attended First Christian Church Disciples of Christ in Creve
3 Coeur; and

4 WHEREAS, John Shallenberger was preceded in death by his
5 parents; his brother, Gary Lee Shallenberger; his sisters,
6 Frankie J. Freeman and Melody E. Tackett; and his
7 brothers-in-law, Johnny Martin, William Howard, and Michael
8 Boeck; and

9 WHEREAS, John Shallenberger is survived by his wife,
10 Debbie; his sons, John (Jennifer) and Jason Shallenberger; his
11 grandchildren, Carter, Mia, and Grayson Shallenberger; his
12 sisters, Regina Martin and Ramona Howard; his sister-in-law,
13 Julia Boeck; and many nieces and nephews; therefore, be it

14 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL
15 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
16 Johnny Ray "John" Shallenberger and extend our sincere
17 condolences to his family, friends, and all who knew and loved
18 him; and be it further

19 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
20 presented to the family of John Shallenberger as an expression
21 of our deepest sympathy.