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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 Dewane "Dewey" Steele of Rock Island, who passed away on February 17, 2024; and

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WHEREAS, Dewane Steele was born in Rock Island to Henry and Florence Steele on November 20, 1937; he graduated from Rock Island High School in 1955 and joined the U.S. Air Force; he married Carol Schmidt Lowry on April 7, 1979; and

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WHEREAS, Dewane Steele started his career with Illinois Bell as a telephone installer repairman and was promoted to management in 1970; he was transferred to AT&T after the divestiture in 1985 and retired from AT&T in 1988; and

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WHEREAS, Dewane Steele was a lifelong fan of the Chicago Cubs, Chicago Bears, and Rock Island High School sports; in his later years, he was able to enjoy time working at Highland Springs Golf Course and would often say how he loved watching the golf course wake up; he valued his family and friends; he was a hilarious storyteller and had a kind heart; and

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WHEREAS, Dewane Steele was preceded in death by his parents and his sisters, Wanda Johnson and Marylou Hartsock; and

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1           WHEREAS, Dewane Steele is survived by his wife, Carol; his  
2 children, Beth (Jeff) Friichtenicht, Brenda (Shawn) Herman,  
3 Diana Steele Meador, Danny (Dusky), and Darrin (Sothy); 13  
4 grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren; 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 Dewane "Dewey" Steele 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 Dewane Steele as an expression of  
12 our deepest sympathy.