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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 Thomas E. "Tom" Bivens of Taylor Ridge, who passed away on April 26, 2024; and

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WHEREAS, Tom Bivens, the son of Richard and Mary (Bopp) Bivens, was born in Milan on November 5, 1949; he served as a member of the 173rd Airborne Brigade in the U.S. Army during the Vietnam War; he married Mary Ann McManus on September 7, 1977; and

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WHEREAS, Tom Bivens worked as an assembler at Case IH, retiring after 30 years of service; he was also a master carpenter, working in the home improvement business for 20 years; and

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WHEREAS, Tom Bivens enjoyed doing yard work and reading; he loved helping others and was a blood donor for over 50 years; and

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WHEREAS, Tom Bivens was preceded in death by his parents and his brothers, Richard (Connie) Bivens and John Bivens; and

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WHEREAS, Tom Bivens is survived by his wife of 46 years, Mary Ann Bivens; his sons, Clint (Leigh) Bivens and John

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1 (Mallory Harrelson) Bivens; his grandchildren, Sadie (Austin)
2 Busby and Dean (Olivia Frazer) Bivens; his
3 great-grandchildren, Briar Busby and Penny Busby; his
4 siblings, Sue Shelladay, Minerva Guinn, and Randall (Cheryl)
5 Bivens; his sister-in-law, Linda Bivens; and many nieces,
6 nephews, and godchildren; therefore, be it

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

12 RESOLVED, That suitable copy of this resolution be
13 presented to the family of Tom Bivens as an expression of our
14 deepest sympathy.