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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 Gerald "Jerry" Peters of Petersburg, who passed away on April 23, 2024; and

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WHEREAS, Jerry Peters, the son of Martha and Lawrence Peters, was born in Quincy on August 21, 1939; he graduated from Quincy High School; he earned his bachelor's degree in civil engineering from the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, where he was a member of Phi Kappa Theta Fraternity; he married Marylee Chval in Forest Park on November 28, 1964; and

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WHEREAS, Jerry Peters worked for the Springfield Sanitary District for more than 33 years, retiring as executive director; he then worked as a consultant at Hanson Professional Services and Myers Land Service; and

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WHEREAS, Jerry Peters was very active in and passionate about the Illinois environmental engineering community, serving as vice president of the Illinois Association of Wastewater Agencies, state representative for the Capital Area of Engineers, president of the Central Illinois Water Pollution Control Association, a member of the Illinois Water Pollution Control Board, and a member of the Sangamon County

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1 Subdivision Development Committee; he also served the Illinois  
2 Waste Water Plant Operations Association as  
3 secretary-treasurer and as chair of its Program Committee, and  
4 he was the recipient of the Young Engineer of the Year Award  
5 from the Illinois Society of Engineers; and

6 WHEREAS, Jerry Peters was committed to his faith and was a  
7 member of Little Flower Church in Springfield, where he served  
8 as president of the Little Flower Parish Council and a member  
9 of the Little Flower Men's Club; he was also a member of St.  
10 Jude Catholic Church in Rochester and Holy Family Church in  
11 Athens, where he was a choir member; he was also a board member  
12 of Knights of Columbus, Holy Family Council #4179; and

13 WHEREAS, Jerry Peters was devoted to assisting his  
14 community, serving on the Regional Planning Committee for Camp  
15 Widjiwagan - Girl Scouts of Central Illinois, as a judge in  
16 speaking competitions for the 4-H Club and the Boy Scouts of  
17 America, as a member of the Elks Club and the Capital City  
18 Toastmasters Club, and as a volunteer at St. Martin De Porres  
19 Food Bank, the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Museum, and the  
20 New Salem State Historic Site; and

21 WHEREAS, Jerry Peters enjoyed golfing, traveling, studying  
22 genealogy, antiquing, book and map collecting, and writing; he  
23 was a fan of the St. Louis Cardinals and the Fighting Illini

1 football and basketball teams; he loved spending time with his  
2 family, particularly at the lakehouse; and

3 WHEREAS, Jerry Peters was known for his constant smile,  
4 his infectious laugh, and the adoration he felt for his wife,  
5 Marylee; and

6 WHEREAS, Jerry Peters was preceded in death by his parents  
7 and his sister, Marylou Breckenkamp; and

8 WHEREAS, Jerry Peters is survived by his wife of 59 years,  
9 Marylee; his children, Mark (Anna) Peters, Connie (Marc)  
10 Werts, and Chris (Joe) Adams; his siblings, Donald Peters, Jim  
11 Peters, and Evelyn Smith; his grandchildren, Maggie, Emily,  
12 Alexandra, John, Lincoln, Haylee, Joy, Corrine, and Jesse; and  
13 numerous 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 Gerald "Jerry" Peters and extend our sincere condolences to  
17 his family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it  
18 further

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