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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate are deeply
3 saddened to learn of the death of DeWayne Clinton Bartels of
4 Peoria, who passed away on July 27, 2012; and

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WHEREAS, DeWayne Bartels was born on September 26, 1958, in
6 Pekin, to Clifford Clinton and Virginia Mae (Rains) Bartels; he
7 married Melody Ann Switzer on May 24, 1980; and

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WHEREAS, DeWayne Bartels was an editor, writer, and
reporter, for the East Peoria Times-Courier; he also worked for
10 the Peoria Times-Observer, Pekin Daily Times, Tazwell
11 Publishing, the Woodford County Times, and Kewanee
12 Cost-Cutter; he worked for Morton Buildings for 3 years; and

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WHEREAS, DeWayne Bartels was a member of the Illinois Press
Association, the Peoria Astronomical Society, and was an
15 ambassador for the NASA Solar System Ambassadors Program; he
16 received numerous awards over the years for his writing and
17 enjoyed hiking, astronomy, and time with his family; and

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WHEREAS, DeWayne Bartels was preceded in death by his
parents, Clifford and Virginia Mae Clinton; and

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WHEREAS, DeWayne Bartels is survived by his wife, Melody

1 Ann; his sons, Wesley, Bailey, Dylan, and Dustin (Nicole); his
2 daughter, Brandy; his brother, Steven (Barbara); and 14
3 grandchildren; therefore, be it

4 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL
5 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the death of
6 DeWayne Bartels, and we extend our sincere condolences to his
7 family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it
8 further

9 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
10 presented to his family as an expression of our deepest
11 sympathy.