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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 Stephen Mark "Steve" Holy of Champaign, who passed away on December 13, 2015; and

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WHEREAS, Steve Holy was born in Urbana on January 16, 1954 to Fred and Ethelyeen (nee Hoppler) Holy; he went to Garden Hills Elementary School and graduated from Champaign Central High School in 1972; he earned an Associate in Graphic Design at Parkland College and his bachelor's degree in legal studies from Kaplan University; he married Jeanne Brown in 1974; he married Kristen Fischer on May 5, 2005; and

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WHEREAS, Steve Holy worked for Kraft, Champaign Audio Visual, Digital Media Group, the Police Training Institute, and finally the Erwin, Martinkus & Cole Law Firm; and

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WHEREAS, Steve Holy was a lifelong practitioner of martial arts and a teacher; he was martial arts director at the Guardian Dragon Dojo, Yon-Dan (fourth degree-Isshin-Ryu Karate) and second-generation black belt under Grandmaster Shimabuku; he also taught self-defense classes at Parkland College and Urbana Adult Education; in recent years, he provided private firearm training and self-defense lessons; and

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1 WHEREAS, Steve Holy enjoyed classic rock music and sci-fi
2 movies and was passionate about firing guns at his private
3 shooting range; he enjoyed making home improvements and
4 upgrading his and Kristen's rural property; he loved animals,
5 especially Cassie, the dog he and Kris adopted from the
6 Champaign County Humane Society; he was fond of family
7 gatherings, often hosting them with Kristen in their home; he
8 especially liked seeing his sons every Thursday night for the
9 gathering of the "Holy Men"; and

10 WHEREAS, Steve Holy was preceded in death by his
11 grandparents, Harold and Gertrude (Dorsey) Hoppler and Josef
12 and Millie (Rehor) Holy; and

13 WHEREAS, Steve Holy is survived by his wife, Kristen; his
14 sons, Matt Holy (Kara Beyer) and Patrick Holy (Aimee Densmore);
15 his parents; his 2 sisters, Eileen Miller (Thomas Miller) and
16 Ellen Holy (Greg Sellers); his sister-in-law, Hannah Bonicatto
17 (Dan Bonicatto) and her sons, Tony Ehl and Andy Ehl; his
18 sister-in-law, Jackie Myers (Paulette Ratkovich); his
19 brother-in-law, Jonathan Fischer (Vi); his many aunts, uncles,
20 and cousins; and Cassie, his faithful canine; therefore, be it

21 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL
22 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of

1 Stephen Mark "Steve" Holy, and extend our sincere condolences
2 to his family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be
3 it further

4 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
5 presented to the family of Steve Holy as an expression of our
6 deepest sympathy.