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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 Lanny R. "Steve" Biehler of Port Byron, who passed away on March 28, 2016; and

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WHEREAS, Lanny Biehler was born on July 25, 1942, in Freemont, Ohio; his parents were Leonard and Ada Mae Biehler; he married Helen Bechtler on June 30, 1962 in Chicago; and

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WHEREAS, After graduating from high school, Lanny Biehler served his country proudly in the United States Navy; he later continued his education and received his Bachelor of Arts in Electrical Engineering; and

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WHEREAS, Lanny Biehler worked at KJWW in Rock Island, and then at the Rock Island Arsenal as a Facilities Engineer, where he retired after 20 years of service; and

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WHEREAS, Lanny Biehler sang in the Augustana Oratori Society and Black Hawk Community Chorus; he was also a member of the River Valley Writers Group, the LeClaire Writers Group, and the Midwest Writing Center and the Master Gardener at Illinois State University; and

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WHEREAS, Lanny Biehler had a deep faith in his Lord and

1 loved serving in his church, Messiah Lutheran in Port Byron; he  
2 served on many committees and singing and playing the conga  
3 drums in the church praise band; and

4 WHEREAS, Lanny Biehler wrote poetry, enjoyed gardening and  
5 nature and was known as being a "Granola Head"; he also loved  
6 cooking, brewing and drinking his homemade beer, reading for  
7 the blind on the WVIK Public Radio Station, attending Via de  
8 Cristo, and spending time with his family, friends, and  
9 fiancée; and

10 WHEREAS, Lanny Biehler was preceded in death by his father,  
11 Leonard; his wife, Helen, and his great-granddaughter, Serena  
12 O'Hanlon; and

13 WHEREAS, Lanny Biehler is survived by his mother, Ada; his  
14 fiancée, Lynn; his children, Chris (Will) Bradshaw and Thomas  
15 Biehler; his grandchildren Emily, Katie, Therin (Abby  
16 Blake-Bradshaw), Amber Bradshaw (fiance, Skyler O'Hanlon), and  
17 Trey Bradshaw; and his brother, Jerry (Shirley) Biehler;  
18 therefore, be it

19 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL  
20 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we, along with his  
21 family and friends, mourn the passing of Lanny R. "Steve"  
22 Biehler; and be it further

1           RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
2 presented to the family of Lanny Biehler as an expression of  
3 our sympathy.