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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2           WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of  
3 Representatives are saddened to learn of the death of Samuel  
4 W. "Sam" Nolen of Springfield, who passed away on March 5,  
5 2025; and

6           WHEREAS, Sam Nolen was born in West Frankfort to Sam and  
7 Daisy (Odle) Nolen on October 28, 1934; he married Valeria  
8 Meyersick on June 23, 1963; and

9           WHEREAS, Sam Nolen's career began as a trooper in 1961  
10 when he graduated first in Cadet Class #28 from the Illinois  
11 State Police Academy; he served in a number of positions,  
12 including Director for the Office of Operations Support and  
13 Planning (1975-1977), Assistant Deputy Director for the  
14 Division of Forensic Services and Identification (1977-1978),  
15 Deputy Director for the Division of Training (1978-1981),  
16 Deputy Director for the Division of Forensic Services and  
17 Identification (1981-1987), and as the First Deputy Director  
18 (1987-1991); and

19           WHEREAS, Sam Nolen was appointed to serve as the Acting  
20 Director of ISP during the transition of gubernatorial  
21 administrations from Governor Thompson to Governor Edgar from  
22 January to March of 1991; he received the call to serve again

1 when he was appointed by Governor George Ryan to serve as the  
2 Director of ISP in January of 1999, a position in which he  
3 served from 1999 until his retirement in 2003; he made a  
4 lasting impact on District 14, the ISP, and with those he  
5 served; and

6 WHEREAS, Sam Nolen enjoyed fishing, reading, and watching  
7 the news; and

8 WHEREAS, Sam Nolen was preceded in death by his parents  
9 and his wife, Valeria; and

10 WHEREAS, Sam Nolen is survived by his son, Brent (Kim)  
11 Nolen; his grandchildren, Trent (Emily) Nolen and Amanda  
12 (Brody) Snyder; his great-granddaughter, Nina Nolen; two  
13 brothers; one sister; and several nieces and nephews;  
14 therefore, be it

15 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE  
16 HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
17 we mourn the passing of Samuel W. "Sam" Nolen and extend our  
18 sincere condolences to his family, friends, and all who knew  
19 and loved him; and be it further

20 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
21 presented to the family of Sam Nolen as an expression of our

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1 deepest sympathy.