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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 Gene Austin Troutman of Vienna, who passed away on January 1, 2025; and

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WHEREAS, Gene Troutman was born in Carbondale to Charles and Stella (Smith) Troutman on September 25, 1928; he attended elementary, grade school, and high school in Carbondale before being drafted into the U.S. Army during the Korean War; he trained at Camp McCoy in Wisconsin and served from 1950 to 1952; he married Margaret Lowery on November 18, 1994; and

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WHEREAS, Gene Troutman pursued training in mechanics and television electronics and broadcasting, which aligned with his passion for electronics; he worked for General Electric in New York as a maintenance engineer before returning to Southern Illinois when the plant closed; later, he worked for and retired from the Illinois Department of Corrections in Vienna; and

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WHEREAS, Gene Troutman was an active member of Vienna First Baptist Church; he enjoyed tinkering with electronics in his spare time and loved spending time with his grandchildren and great-grandchildren; his favorite movie, Short Circuit, reflected his playful personality and his deep love for

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1 technology; and

2 WHEREAS, Gene Troutman was known for his quick wit, strong  
3 opinions, and spunky personality; his intelligence and ability  
4 to solve problems were only matched by his sharp sense of humor  
5 and playful spirit; he was never afraid to speak his mind and  
6 was loved for his lively presence and candid nature; and

7 WHEREAS, Gene Troutman was preceded in death by his  
8 parents, Charles and Stella; his brother, Levere; his sister,  
9 Kathleen; and his stepson, Anthony Buchan; and

10 WHEREAS, Gene Troutman is survived by his wife, Margaret  
11 Troutman; his stepchildren, Patrick Buchan and Amy Holloman;  
12 his grandchildren, Jessica Buchan (Travis Thomas), Seth (Macy)  
13 Holloman, and Gabriel Holloman; and his great-grandchildren,  
14 Laelle and Emet Holloman; therefore, be it

15 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL  
16 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of  
17 Gene Austin Troutman and extend our sincere condolences to his  
18 family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it  
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20 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
21 presented to the family of Gene Troutman as an expression of

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1 our deepest sympathy.