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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 Walter Junior "Walt" Davis of East Peoria, who passed away on December 29, 2024; and

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WHEREAS, Walt Davis was born in St. Louis, Missouri to Willard W. and Katherine L. (Farmer) Davis on October 9, 1936; he was a veteran of the United States Army and served with the Illinois Army National Guard; he married Beverly K. Young on March 9, 1958; he later married Sally L. Schwab in Peoria on October 20, 1984; and

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WHEREAS, Walt Davis worked for Caterpillar for 37 years, retiring in 1990 from the general offices in Peoria as a manager in the Challenger 65 Division; and

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WHEREAS, Walt Davis had a passion for waterfowl hunting; he enjoyed fishing at Spring Lake and at Bennett Springs, Missouri; he also enjoyed fly fishing; he was a member of the Pekin Chapter of Ducks Unlimited, the Tazewell County Gun Club for more than 40 years, and Grace United Methodist Church in Pekin; and

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WHEREAS, Walt Davis was preceded in death by his parents; his infant daughter, Jeanine Davis; his brothers, William

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1 Davis and Duane John Davis; and his sister, Daphne Sweeney;
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3 WHEREAS, Walt Davis is survived by his wife, Sally; his
4 daughter, Lori Ann McCullough; his sons, Scott Michael Davis
5 and Mark Wayne (Michelle) Davis; his stepsons, Keith Allan
6 (Sue Ellen) Phelps, Bradley Wayne (Melissa) Phelps, and Morgan
7 Richard (Pamela) Phelps; his grandchildren, Joshua (Kassi)
8 Neltner, Tara (Joe) Cook, Zach (Casey) Davis, and Ashley
9 (Jacob) Greco; seven step-grandchildren; six
10 great-grandchildren; four step-great-grandchildren; and one
11 sister, Shirley (Bob) Hays; therefore, be it

12 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL
13 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
14 Walter Junior "Walt" Davis and extend our sincere condolences
15 to his family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be
16 it further

17 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
18 presented to the family of Walt Davis as an expression of our
19 deepest sympathy.