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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 Scott McFarland of Moline, who passed away on August 2, 2025; and

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WHEREAS, Scott McFarland, the son of Donald and Karla (Pollack) McFarland, was born on August 10, 1983; he achieved the rank of Eagle Scout in Boy Scouts; he married his wife, Amber, at the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of the Quad Cities in Davenport, Iowa on August 23, 2008; and

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WHEREAS, For more than a decade, Scott McFarland led the Serve Illinois Commission on Volunteerism and Community Service (Serve Illinois), a 40-member, bipartisan board appointed by the Governor and administered by the Illinois Department of Human Services to strengthen communities through volunteerism, national service, and recognition; during his tenure, he was noted for caring deeply about the grant programs he administered and all the people behind those programs; and

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WHEREAS, Scott McFarland was a passionate advocate for education and volunteerism; as an elected member of the Springfield School District 186 Board of Education, he pursued initiatives that he felt would improve the lives of all

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1 children in the district; at the start of the COVID-19
2 pandemic, he organized a mutual aid group on Facebook,
3 Springfield Families Helping Families, which expanded its
4 membership to 32.2k under his guidance; and

5 WHEREAS, Scott McFarland was also fiercely political,
6 reveling in debating online or in person, and he loved his time
7 in Model Illinois Government, where he made lifelong friends;
8 he also held interests in the Chicago Cubs, Star Trek, Marvel,
9 the Less Than Jake band, Ghostbusters, the musical Hamilton,
10 and his podcast; and

11 WHEREAS, Scott McFarland loved his children, Anastasia,
12 Addison, and Clark, with every fiber of his being; he was proud
13 of their accomplishments and enjoyed partaking in different
14 activities with them, such as volunteering for events with
15 Anastasia, going on walks on the I-74 bridge with Addison, and
16 watching Transformers and Godzilla with Clark; and

17 WHEREAS, Scott McFarland was preceded in death by his
18 aunt, Jennifer Pollack; his maternal grandparents, Sharon and
19 Joseph Pollack; his paternal grandparents, Donald and Diane
20 McFarland; and his dog, Cody; and

21 WHEREAS, At the time of his passing, Scott McFarland was
22 survived by his wife; his children; his brothers, Craig (Zoey)

1 McFarland and Ryan McFarland; his nephew, Liam McFarland; and
2 his cousin, Jonathan Pollack; therefore, be it

3 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL
4 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
5 Scott McFarland and extend our sincere condolences to his
6 family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it
7 further

8 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
9 presented to the family of Scott McFarland as an expression of
10 our deepest sympathy.