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SENATE RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate are saddened to learn of the death of Ronald Ray "Ron" Kuhn, who passed away on April 6, 2026; and

WHEREAS, Ron Kuhn, the son of Orville Kuhn and Barbara (Lemming) Kuhn, was born in Watseka on June 5, 1956; he was raised on a livestock and grain farm; he graduated from Cissna Park High School and continued his education at Parkland College and Southern Illinois University Carbondale, where he earned a bachelor's degree in sociology; and

WHEREAS, After graduation, Ron Kuhn lived primarily in Carbondale and Springfield, working first as a directory assistance telephone operator for GTE; while in Springfield, he built lasting friendships and labored at what he loved; he found his passion in food service as a manager at the popular Feed Store Restaurant, serving many government employees in the Capital City; he was especially proud when he was tasked with preparing a sandwich for the visiting President Barack Obama in 2015; and

WHEREAS, While residing at an assisted living facility in Danville, Ron Kuhn joined its residents' council, through which he advocated for low-income residents to retain more of

1 their monthly Social Security benefits and secured more food
2 menu options for residents with food allergies and diabetes;
3 and

4 WHEREAS, Ron Kuhn was a lifelong Illini and Chicago Cubs
5 fan, attending many games with family and friends, creating
6 special memories, and collecting Cubs memorabilia; he was also
7 a longtime subscriber to the weekly Cissna Park News and a
8 meticulous historian of the Iroquois County community and his
9 own family origins; and

10 WHEREAS, Ron Kuhn, a hardworking soul whose dedication and
11 perseverance shaped his life, was known for his natural
12 ability to lift spirits and his enduring love of family and
13 friends; always willing to serve as a champion for the
14 underdog, he will be remembered for his progressive political
15 values, his generosity, his kindness, and his wicked sense of
16 humor; and

17 WHEREAS, Ron Kuhn was preceded in death by his parents and
18 his siblings, Yvonne Johnson and Jim Kuhn; and

19 WHEREAS, Ron Kuhn is survived by his sisters, Betty
20 Seidel, Donna (John) Brown, and Deb (Wayne) Mueller, and
21 several nieces, nephews, great-nieces, and great-nephews;
22 therefore, be it

1 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL
2 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
3 Ronald Ray "Ron" Kuhn and extend our sincere condolences to
4 his family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it
5 further

6 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
7 presented to the family of Ron Kuhn as an expression of our
8 deepest sympathy.