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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 Steve R.
4 Stroud of Elgin, who passed away on April 5, 2019; and

5 WHEREAS, Steve Stroud was born in Aurora to James and
6 Eunice (Rudolf) Stroud on November 23, 1942; he graduated from
7 East Aurora High School in 1960 and served in the United States
8 Army from 1960 to 1963; he was stationed in Berlin and learned
9 Russian at the USA Language School in California; he earned the
10 Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal (Berlin), the Good Conduct
11 Medal, and the Expert (M-14 Rifle) Army of Occupation Medal
12 (Berlin); following his service, he earned his teaching degree
13 at Northern Illinois University; he married Laura in 1992; and

14 WHEREAS, Steve Stroud became a foreign language teacher at
15 Maine East High School and Maine South High School in Park
16 Ridge; he taught Russian, French, and German, took students on
17 trips to Russia and France, and wrote his own Russian textbook;
18 he earned a master's degree from the University of Illinois and
19 retired from Maine Township High School District 207 in 1993;
20 and

21 WHEREAS, Steve Stroud's first retirement project was
22 restoring his and Laura's historic home on Douglas Ave; he had

1 a passion for historic research and wrote a three volume series
2 on the old homes in Elgin as well as a history of Elgin's city
3 cemetaries; he also chronicled many of Elgin's historic
4 bungalow homes; and

5 WHEREAS, Steve Stroud served as a board member and
6 researcher for the Elgin History Museum and co-chaired the
7 Annual Bluff City Cemetery Walk for 11 years with Laura; he
8 served on the Design Review Subcommittee for the Elgin Heritage
9 Commission and was a founding member and past president of
10 A.B.O.D.E. (Admirers of Beautiful Old Dwellings in Elgin); and

11 WHEREAS, Steve Stroud enjoyed flea markets and auctions,
12 plays and musicals, and traveling with Laura; and

13 WHEREAS, Steve Stroud was preceded in death by his parents;
14 his brother, Michael Stroud; his sister, Patricia Stroud; and
15 his stepdaughter, Anne Beauregard; and

16 WHEREAS, Steve Stroud is survived by his wife, Laura; his
17 stepson, Scott Beauregard; his brother, Tom (Francine) Stroud;
18 his sister-in-law, Georgette Neumann; his grandchildren,
19 Gabriel and Rowan Beauregard and Jacqueline and Kaitlin
20 Graziano; his nieces and nephews, Rebecca Smith, Amy Stroud,
21 and Michael Scott Stroud; and numerous special friends and
22 colleagues; therefore, be it

1 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
2 HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
3 we mourn the passing of Steve R. Stroud and extend our sincere
4 condolences to his family, friends, and all who knew and loved
5 him; and be it further

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