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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 Charles E. "Chuck" Brooks of Danville, who passed away on February 8, 2021; and

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WHEREAS, Chuck Brooks was born in Danville to Charles and Sandra (Mackin) Brooks on January 27, 1959; he graduated from Danville High School and from Danville Area Community College with an associate's degree; he married Rita Hyer in Danville on May 20, 2000; and

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WHEREAS, Chuck Brooks worked at the ESCO factory and spent many years at the United Way before his most recent position as administrator at Danville Township; and

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WHEREAS, Chuck Brooks was always giving back to the community; he served on the Community Services Counsel, as Secretary/Treasurer of the AFL-CIO, and as past board member and president of the Vermilion County Conservation District Board of Trustees; he also served as chairman of the Danville Area Food Pantry, the Vermilion County Democratic party, and the FEMA Board for Vermilion County; and

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WHEREAS, Chuck Brooks managed the Septemberfest celebration and Labor Day parades in Danville for many years;

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1 he was instrumental in getting the local postal carriers and  
2 the Frost Bite Marathon food drives started in Vermilion  
3 County; he volunteered with the Salvation Army as part of the  
4 Christmas Cheer Counsel and the Back-to-School supply  
5 distribution; he also enjoyed volunteering at Haunted  
6 Happenings for the Conservation District; and

7 WHEREAS, Chuck Brooks was affectionately known as "Papa  
8 Chuck", "Pawka", and "Uncle Chuck" to his family members; he  
9 was a lifelong fan of the Chicago Cubs, Chicago Bears, and  
10 Illini; and

11 WHEREAS, Chuck Brooks enjoyed spending time with family  
12 and friends and watching his favorite teams; he was an avid fan  
13 of NASCAR and Dale Earnhardt; he enjoyed movies, especially  
14 Star Wars; recently, he and his wife enjoyed a magical  
15 Tennessee Christmas at his favorite vacation spot in Pigeon  
16 Forge; his greatest passion was combining his computer skills  
17 and his love of Christmas to create the Brooks Family  
18 Christmas, lighting up rural Danville for the past 22 years  
19 and always trying to make it bigger and better than the year  
20 before; and

21 WHEREAS, Chuck Brooks was preceded in death by his  
22 daughter, Kim Washkowiak, and his father, Charles Brooks; and

1           WHEREAS, Chuck Brooks is survived by his wife, Rita; his  
2 mother, Sandra Brooks; his brother, Mark (Tammy) Brooks; his  
3 children, Amanda "Amy" Long and Karha (Eric) Rosson; his  
4 grandchildren, Nicholas (Kirstie) Hedges, Dylan Washkowiak,  
5 McKenna Rosson, Maci Long, and Kaiden and Christopher Hazel;  
6 and his nieces and nephews, Hannah (Ronnie), Miles, Nora, and  
7 Isla Wheeler, Matthew Brooks (Olivia Emerick), and Josh and  
8 Jaxon Dicken; therefore, be it

9           RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL  
10 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of  
11 Charles E. "Chuck" Brooks and extend our sincere condolences  
12 to his family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be  
13 it further

14           RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
15 presented to the family of Chuck Brooks as an expression of our  
16 deepest sympathy.