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1 SENATE RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate are saddened to learn of the death of James L. Rogers Jr. of Rock Island, who passed away on March 3, 2021; and

5 WHEREAS, James Rogers Jr. was born at Fort Benning,
6 Georgia on March 14, 1942; he was the son of James L. and
7 Marion (Berly) Rogers; he graduated from Oberlin College in
8 Ohio, where he was heavily involved in musical theater; he
9 served in the U.S. Navy during the Vietnam War; he then served
10 in the U.S. Navy Reserve and retired as a captain; he married
11 Patricia Ellington in Texas on November 1, 1975; and

WHEREAS, James Rogers Jr. was employed by the Boy Scouts of America, where he most recently served with the Illowa Council; he retired in 2009; previously, he worked on his family's citrus farm in Texas; he also owned several businesses; and

WHEREAS, James Rogers Jr. was an avid stamp collector, and he belonged to the Blackhawk Stamp Club and the Quad City Stamp Club; he was known for his beautiful baritone voice and performed in a number of musicals in community theater while living in Texas; and

- 1 WHEREAS, James Rogers Jr. is survived by his wife of 45
- 2 years, Patricia; his son and daughter-in-law, John and Erika
- 3 Rogers; his granddaughter, Mabyn Rogers; his sister, Marion
- 4 Elizabeth Hensz; his nephew, Curt Bonner; and his nieces,
- 5 Chris Karenbauer and Cydney Kaminski; therefore, be it
- 6 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL
- 7 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
- 8 James L. Rogers Jr. and extend our sincere condolences to his
- 9 family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it
- 10 further
- 11 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
- 12 presented to the family of James Rogers Jr. as an expression of
- our deepest sympathy.