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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 Robert Lee Burns of Chatham, who passed away on June 12, 2021; and

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WHEREAS, Robert Burns was born in Springfield to Harry and Roberta (Hawkins) Burns on September 26, 1954; he graduated from Southeast High School in 1972 and received his bachelor's degree in Communications and Journalism from Southern Illinois University Carbondale in 1977; he married Marsha Henderson on December 31, 1996; and

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WHEREAS, Robert Burns had a lengthy career as a sportswriter for The State-Journal Register; he was one of the voices behind WFMB-AM's Sportswriters on the Radio, the head of public relations for the Peoria Suns Baseball Club, and the news and sports anchor for WMBD AM-TV; in his later years, he was a bookseller at Barnes & Noble; and

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WHEREAS, Robert Burns will be remembered as a source of light for all who came across his path; and

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WHEREAS, Robert Burns was preceded in death by his parents; his son, Marcus Anthony Henderson; his brothers, Harry, William, and Gerald; and his sister, Betty Jean; and

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1 WHEREAS, Robert Burns is survived by his wife, Marsha; his
2 children, James Robert (Renate) Burns, Diandra Marie
3 (Jeremiah) Werner, and Coryn Elizabeth Burns; his grandson,
4 Jaxson Avery Werner; his granddaughter, Enalese G. Burns; and
5 several nieces, nephews, and cousins; 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 Robert Lee Burns 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 Robert Burns as an expression of our
13 deepest sympathy.