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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 David A. Scheina of Pleasant Plains, who passed away on October 9, 2021; and

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WHEREAS, David Scheina was born in Springfield to Carl Otto and Wanda Mae (Dempsey) Scheina on December 28, 1949; he attended Bunn Elementary School and graduated from Lanphier High School in 1968; he earned an associate degree from Lincoln Land Community College and a bachelor's degree from the University of Illinois Springfield; he married Juanita "Gail" Rogers in Springfield on March 15, 2012; and

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WHEREAS, David Scheina was passionate about flying and earned his pilot's license before he was 18 years old, making him the youngest pilot at the time in Illinois; he served his country for 26 years as a Chief Warrant Officer/Pilot in the U.S. Army and Illinois Army National Guard; his passion was flying helicopters; during his military service, he was a military instructor pilot (IP), and he was qualified in the OH-58 Kiowa, UH-1 Huey, AH-1G Cobra, and the CH-47D Chinook helicopter, the largest helicopter in the Army; in Vietnam, he served as a Cobra aircraft commander with the 334th AWC (known as the Playboys), where his call sign was "Playboy 18"; with Chief Warrant Officers commonly known as "Chief" and those

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1 with a rank of CW4 commonly called "Super Chief", he was  
2 respectfully known in the National Guard as "THE Super Chief";  
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4 WHEREAS, David Scheina retired after many years of service  
5 working for the State of Illinois in various agencies and  
6 after owning several small businesses throughout his career;  
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8 WHEREAS, David Scheina enjoyed playing cards, especially  
9 Texas Hold 'Em, watching Fighting Illini basketball games,  
10 traveling, RVing, water sports, seeking deals, and starting  
11 projects; he was deeply loved by his grandchildren; and

12 WHEREAS, David Scheina was preceded in death by his  
13 parents and his son, Joshua Allen Scheina; and

14 WHEREAS, David Scheina is survived by his wife, Gail  
15 Scheina; his son, D. Patrick (Angela) Scheina; his  
16 daughter-in-law, Valerie Marie Scheina; his stepchildren,  
17 Brandon (Callie) Rogers and Nikki (Chris) Carron; his  
18 grandchildren, Kate Elizabeth, Cassidy Skylar, Isabella Marie  
19 and Bryleigh Rose Scheina, Dillan (Mackenzie), Mizabella, Mira  
20 Moon, Ryan, Braydon (Holly) Carron, and Samara, Jasmine, and  
21 Autumn Rogers; his sister, Kathleen (James) Augustine; his  
22 nephews, James (Shannan) and Ryan Augustine; his great-niece,

1 Alyse Augustine; his great-nephew, Elias Augustine; and  
2 numerous cousins; therefore, be it

3       RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL  
4 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of  
5 David A. Scheina and extend our sincere condolences to his  
6 family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it  
7 further

8       RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
9 presented to the family of David Scheina as an expression of  
10 our deepest sympathy.