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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 Christopher Joseph "Chris" Weir of Maryville, who passed away on October 20, 2021; and

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WHEREAS, Chris Weir was born to Brian and Cecilia "Cece" Weir in East St. Louis on February 7, 1964; he graduated from Rosary High School in St. Louis, Missouri in 1982; he served aboard the U.S.S. Yorktown CG-48 in the U.S. Navy; he married Kathy Henderson on June 18, 1993, and they created a loving and fun-filled home where all were welcome; and

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WHEREAS, Upon being honorably discharged, Chris Weir returned home and was accepted as an apprentice wireman into IBEW Local Union 309 in Collinsville, IL, following in the footsteps of four generations of electricians; he retired as assistant business manager of Local 309 and member of the Apprentices Board in March 2021; and

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WHEREAS, Chris Weir was an ardent advocate for workers' rights, and he never missed the annual Labor Day parade in Belleville, attended any Labor event that did not conflict with a family obligation, and steadfastly encouraged young people struggling with career choices to consider the trades; he was a member of The Knights of Columbus at Mother of

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1 Perpetual Help Catholic Church, where he enjoyed volunteering  
2 during Lenten fish fries and catching up with all the families  
3 with whom his children attended elementary school; and

4 WHEREAS, Chris Weir was a family man to the core and  
5 considered everyone family; fatherhood was his favorite job of  
6 all, and he was excellent at it; he was always the first to  
7 lend a hand and put the needs of others before himself; he was  
8 the master of diffusing tense situations with humor and always  
9 had a joke up his sleeve to make others smile; his sense of  
10 humor, kind heart, and natural teaching ability left a lasting  
11 impression upon anyone who crossed his path; he will be  
12 remembered for his love of music, his enthusiasm for St. Louis  
13 sports, his ability to light up a room, and his one-of-a-kind  
14 personality; and

15 WHEREAS, Chris Weir was preceded in death by his  
16 grandparents, Joe Weir Sr., Ann P. (Gallagher) Weir, and Fred  
17 and Rose Peskar; his father-in-law, Ken Henderson; his  
18 brother, Brenden Weir; his brother-in-law, Jimmy Henderson;  
19 and his niece, Keiley Weir; and

20 WHEREAS, Chris Weir is survived by his wife of 28 years,  
21 Kathy Henderson-Weir; his children, Lauren, Ian, and Kellen  
22 Weir; his parents, Brian and Cece Weir; his brothers, Brian  
23 Weir, Nick (Katy) Weir, Killian Weir, and Ted Weir; his

1 sisters, Shannon Gittemeier and Maureen (Kevin Flynn) Weir;  
2 his brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law, Dan Henderson, Karen  
3 (Gregg) Hangge, and Angela Weir; his nieces and nephews,  
4 Kristina and Andy, Taylor, Joe, Andrew, Ben and Ally, Jake and  
5 Epona, Luke, Bridget-Ann, Chip, Erin, Nick Jr., Bridget-Rose,  
6 Josh and Shea, Sam, Matt and Natalie, Riley, Brendan, Sean,  
7 Joe and Lisa, Jill and Chris, Jon and Lauren, and Jacob and  
8 Lena; his 12 great-nieces and great-nephews; and his numerous  
9 aunts, uncles, cousins, and friends; therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL  
11 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of  
12 Christopher Joseph "Chris" Weir and extend our sincere  
13 condolences to his family, friends, and all who knew and loved  
14 him; and be it further

15 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
16 presented to the family of Chris Weir as an expression of our  
17 deepest sympathy.