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SENATE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate are saddened
3 to learn of the death of Garry Joseph Hird of Rock Island, who
4 passed away on November 26, 2021; and

5 WHEREAS, Garry Hird was born to George and Rosemary Hird
6 in Dubuque, Iowa; he graduated from Loras Academy in Dubuque;
7 he served in the U.S. Navy; he married Diana Jacobs in 1965,
8 and they raised two children, Pam and Kevin, in Rock Island;
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10 WHEREAS, Garry Hird worked as a detective for the Rock
11 Island Police Department and in security for John Deere
12 Harvester Works; and

13 WHEREAS, Garry Hird took his lifelong love of sports and
14 founded The Sports Depot in Rock Island in 1983; he was a daily
15 fixture at the store, sitting in his recliner and keeping an
16 eye on things, even in retirement; and

17 WHEREAS, Garry Hird was the patriarch of the extended
18 family; he was known for his great cooking and could always be
19 found in the stands cheering on his children and grandchildren
20 at their sporting events; and

1 WHEREAS, Garry Hird is survived by his wife, Diana Hird;
2 his daughter, Pam (Christoph) Risch; his son, Kevin (Leslie)
3 Hird; his grandchildren, Michaela Hird, Brendan Hird, Lauren
4 Hird, Austin Risch, and Ashley Risch; his sister, Penny (John)
5 Foley Cady; his brother, Rikky (Toni) Hird; and his numerous
6 nieces and nephews; therefore, be it

7 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL
8 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
9 Garry Joseph Hird and extend our sincere condolences to his
10 family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it
11 further

12 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
13 presented to the family of Garry Hird as an expression of our
14 deepest sympathy.