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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 Bennett C. Weaver of Oak Park, who passed away on July 14, 2021 at the age of 80; and

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WHEREAS, Bennett Weaver was born to J. Clark and Inez Koegel Weaver in Denton, Texas on November 9, 1940; he was raised in Denton, Texas and Gainesville, Florida; and

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WHEREAS, At five years old, Bennett Weaver was introduced to the cello at the Interlochen Center for the Arts, where his parents also ran a summer theater program; he was revealed to be a musical genius; and

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WHEREAS, Bennett Weaver joined the University of Florida Symphony Orchestra as a middle schooler; by freshman year of high school, he was already promoted to first chair; and

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WHEREAS, Bennett Weaver began his post-secondary studies at Swarthmore College of Pennsylvania on a music scholarship; he later transferred to the University of Florida at Gainesville to study physics; he continued to practice cello and ultimately met his first wife, Donna Harpold; the two married in Bradenton, Florida in 1964; and

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1 WHEREAS, Bennett Weaver's first daughter, Amy, was born in
2 1966 in Gainesville; shortly thereafter, the family moved to
3 Illinois so that both parents could pursue careers at St. Mary
4 of Nazareth Hospital in Chicago; his second daughter, Susan,
5 was born in Oak Park in 1970; and

6 WHEREAS, Beginning in the late 1960s, Bennett Weaver
7 assumed professional roles as an actuary and analyst; he was
8 employed by CNA Insurance and retired from Harris Bank in
9 2001; during retirement, he also worked as a consultant and
10 family genealogist; and

11 WHEREAS, Through a 1980s purchase of an IBM PC for his
12 home, Bennett Weaver discovered a second natural talent for
13 building and upgrading computers; in 1983, he became a
14 founding member of the Association of Personal Computer Users
15 (APCU); he also joined the Chicago Area Database Users Group
16 (CADBUG); he held leadership roles in both organizations; and

17 WHEREAS, Bennett Weaver had a knack for explaining complex
18 ideas in simple terms to his daughters, such as moon phases and
19 lunar eclipses; for several years, he served as their Girl
20 Scout cookie salesman; and

21 WHEREAS, Bennett Weaver is survived by his companion,
22 Cheryl McNamara; his friend and former wife, Donna Weaver; and

1 his daughters, Amy Weaver and Susan (Russ) Northrup;
2 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 Bennett C. Weaver 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 Bennett C. Weaver as an expression
10 of our deepest sympathy.