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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 Alan "Bob" Gill, who passed away on April 29, 2022; and

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WHEREAS, Bob Gill was born in East St. Louis on March 3, 1951; he graduated from East St. Louis High School in 1969; he earned his bachelor's degree in Sociology from Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville; and

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WHEREAS, Bob Gill spent much of his working life centered in the audiovisual (A/V) field; after college, he honed his skills at the production company Double Helix; he then ran the A/V departments at St. Elizabeth Hospital in Granite City and St. Charles Community College; and

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WHEREAS, Bob Gill loved nature; he was an avid camper and hiker throughout his life, capturing his experiences through his photography, which allowed others to see his unique perspective of the world; he was involved with the local Sierra Club for many years; he was especially proud of his recent work as a citizen advocate for Illinois environment issues; and

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WHEREAS, Bob Gill's true passion was the learning and

1 preservation of history with video through his production
2 company Hometown Productions; his efforts ranged from videos
3 about the early mound builders to the St. Louis World's Fair;
4 he most recently received an award from the Illinois
5 Historical Society for his documentary on the history of the
6 Village of Leclaire; and

7 WHEREAS, Bob Gill had a great love for community; he gave
8 his time and talents to family, friends, causes, and the
9 communities in which he lived, including innumerable projects
10 in and around Edwardsville; for the last several years of his
11 life, he also helped establish and expand the Sunshine
12 Cultural Arts Center in his beloved hometown of East St.
13 Louis; and

14 WHEREAS, Bob Gill will be remembered as a true Renaissance
15 man, a teacher, a videographer, an environmental activist, a
16 musician, a photographer, and an amateur historian; and

17 WHEREAS, Bob Gill is survived by his daughter, Rebekah
18 Visco (Evan); his grandchildren, Samantha Visco and Adam
19 Visco; his siblings, William Gill, Kathy Deddens (Thomas), and
20 James Gill (Joyce); his niece and nephews, Barb Hall (Brian
21 Davidson), Jared Gill, and Steven Deddens; his great-nieces
22 and great-nephews, Faith, Hope, Harrison, and George; his
23 companion, Yvonne McCall, along with her beloved "Dash"; and

1 his many cousins, friends, co-workers, and his vast Facebook
2 family; 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 Robert Alan "Bob" Gill and extend our sincere condolences to
6 his 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 Bob Gill as an expression of our
10 deepest sympathy.