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SENATE RESOLUTION

2           WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate are saddened  
3 to learn of the death of Steven L. "Steve" Cantrell of  
4 Murrayville, who passed away on September 20, 2022; and

5           WHEREAS, Steve Cantrell was born to Lloyd and June Knight  
6 Cantrell in Jacksonville on November 29, 1951; he graduated  
7 from Jacksonville High School in 1970; he served in the U.S.  
8 Air Force for four years; he married Alice Dober Jones on March  
9 14, 2003; and

10           WHEREAS, Steve Cantrell worked as a highway maintainer for  
11 the Illinois Department of Transportation for many years; he  
12 previously owned and operated Cantrell Trucking and worked  
13 with the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services;  
14 and

15           WHEREAS, Upon the closure of the Jacksonville Theatre  
16 Guild, Steve Cantrell founded the Dream Center Foundation with  
17 the purpose of helping children learn the basics of life; he  
18 operated a food truck around Morgan County to benefit the  
19 Dream Center, and that truck became a popular attraction at  
20 the Morgan County Fair, the boat races on Lake Jacksonville,  
21 the Prairieland Heritage Museum, the Queen of Hearts drawing  
22 in Woodson, and many other local events; and

1           WHEREAS, Steve Cantrell coached baseball in Murrayville,  
2           traveled to the Gus Macker basketball tournaments, and  
3           refereed and coached his children's sports; and

4           WHEREAS, Steve Cantrell was a longtime member of the  
5           Murrayville United Methodist Church; he was active in the FFA  
6           Alumni and grilled at every home basketball game; he was  
7           selected to the board of directors of the Jacksonville School  
8           District in 2007, becoming the board's longest-serving member;  
9           and

10          WHEREAS, Steve Cantrell enjoyed attending auctions and  
11          thrift sales; he will be remembered for his generosity to  
12          others and his dedication to the Murrayville and Jacksonville  
13          communities; and

14          WHEREAS, Steve Cantrell was preceded in death by his  
15          father; and

16          WHEREAS, Steve Cantrell is survived by his wife; his  
17          children, Krystal Thomas, Chad Cantrell, Luke (Leah) Cantrell,  
18          and Nicole Cantrell; his mother; his stepchildren, Jessica  
19          Endres and Zachary Finch; his grandchildren, Danny Clemons,  
20          Allie Bowman, Carrie Bowman, Easton Thomas, Addison Cantrell,  
21          Teagan Cantrell, Nash Cantrell, and Brentlee Jones; his

1 step-grandchildren, Bradey Finch, Britney Ratliff, Brenden  
2 Finch, Madeline Endres, Carter Turner, and Emma Finch; his  
3 step-great-grandchildren, Karliah Finch and Ella Mae Ratliff;  
4 and his sister, Suzanne (Greg) Bell; therefore, be it

5       RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL  
6 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of  
7 Steven L. "Steve" Cantrell and extend our sincere condolences  
8 to his family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be  
9 it further

10       RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
11 presented to the family of Steve Cantrell as an expression of  
12 our deepest sympathy.