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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 David Ernest "Dave" Higgins of Peoria, who passed away on November 14, 2022; and

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WHEREAS, Dave Higgins was born to Robert Joseph and Doris Elizabeth (Davis) Higgins in San Francisco, California on January 7, 1953; he served as a medic in the U.S. Army, where he was stationed in Germany during the Vietnam Era; he married Connie J. Kellerstrass on August 25, 1976; and

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WHEREAS, Dave Higgins retired from Road Sprinkler Fitters Local Union 669 after 30 years of service in 2009; he took pride in working for his union in many capacities and especially enjoyed his time working as an organizer; and

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WHEREAS, Dave Higgins volunteered for the Heart of Illinois United Way and the NALC food drive; he also served as a blood donor and volunteer for the American Red Cross; and

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WHEREAS, Dave Higgins was known as a self-described free spirit; he loved music; he unconditionally loved his family; his strength will continue to inspire and comfort those that knew and loved him; and

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1           WHEREAS, Dave Higgins was preceded in death by his  
2 parents; his stepfather, Melvin F. Gillard; and his faithful  
3 friends, Duchess, Sparky, and Jaxon; and

4           WHEREAS, Dave Higgins is survived by his wife; his  
5 daughters, Kelli (Michael) Zurek and Kori (Kevin) O'Connor;  
6 his grandchildren, Amelia and Isla Zurek and Raina, Meleah,  
7 and Bryson Paul; his brother, Ricky (Debbie) Higgins; his  
8 sister, Bobbie Polite; his bonus mom and best buddy, Shirley  
9 Kellerstrass; his numerous nieces and nephews; his extended  
10 family members and friends; and his faithful friend, Charlie;  
11 therefore, be it

12           RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL  
13 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of  
14 David Ernest "Dave" Higgins and extend our sincere condolences  
15 to his family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be  
16 it further

17           RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
18 presented to the family of Dave Higgins as an expression of our  
19 deepest sympathy.