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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 Thurman Edward Stewart of Woodson, who passed away on December 18, 2022; and

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WHEREAS, Thurman Stewart was born to Hubert W. and Pauline Bridges Stewart in Trigg County, Kentucky on June 13, 1936; he attended the University of Kentucky, where he earned his Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering, two master's degrees, and his Ph.D. in Physics; he later earned his Master of Divinity from Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Kansas City, Missouri; he married Carol Ann Hoback in Hettick, Illinois on November 18, 1978; and

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WHEREAS, Thurman Stewart taught physics at Tennessee State University in Nashville prior to entering the seminary; he later served as a minister in Hettick for many years; he also helped found the Illinois Southern Baptist Disaster Relief Ministry 40 years ago; and

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WHEREAS, Thurman Stewart was a member of the Lincoln Avenue Baptist Church in Jacksonville; and

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WHEREAS, Thurman Stewart enjoyed fishing and hunting; he was an avid gardener and enjoyed sharing most of the produce he

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1 raised; he also enjoyed making hiking sticks and giving them
2 away to family and friends and playing his harmonica for his
3 family and children in the disaster relief program; he spent
4 his winter months in Florida, where he walked the beach and
5 collected shells and shark teeth; he was an avid St. Louis
6 Cardinals and University of Kentucky fan; and

7 WHEREAS, Thurman Stewart was preceded in death by his
8 daughter, Debbie Stewart, and his brother, Larry (surviving
9 wife, Gloria) Stewart; and

10 WHEREAS, Thurman Stewart is survived by his wife; his
11 daughter, Suzanne (Rodney) Cottrell; his grandchildren, U.S.
12 Air Force Staff Sergeant Chris Young, Jessica (Craig) Thomas,
13 and Alex (Meagan) Young; his great-grandchildren, Lucas and
14 Chloe; his brothers, Levi (Shirley) Stewart and Lonnie
15 Stewart; his 10 nieces; his 13 nephews; his seven
16 great-nieces; and his eight great-nephews; therefore, be it

17 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL
18 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
19 Thurman Edward Stewart and extend our sincere condolences to
20 his family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it
21 further

22 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be

1 presented to the family of Thurman Stewart as an expression of
2 our deepest sympathy.