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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 Cliff Baxter of Springfield, who passed away on October 17, 2023; and

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WHEREAS, Cliff Baxter was born in Quincy to Rodney and Velma (McGinnis) Baxter on December 20, 1942; he graduated with a Master of Science in Structural Engineering from Bradley University in Peoria; he married Jan Garner on December 7, 1968; and

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WHEREAS, Cliff Baxter began his career with CMT (Crawford, Murphy & Tilly) in 1965; he was a professional engineer and registered structural engineer; he was named an officer and director of the firm in 1979 and elected president in 1992; he became chairman and CEO in 1995; he retired from his leadership role in February of 2005; and

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WHEREAS, Cliff Baxter was known for his outstanding leadership; throughout his career, he contributed significantly to CMT's conversion to computers for modeling, drafting, and business practices; he also played a pivotal role in the development of an ongoing, comprehensive strategic planning process at CMT; he was known for his genuine interest in the welfare of others, from employees and their families to

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1 the many professional, civic, and charitable organizations
2 with which he engaged; his notable contributions were honored
3 by the American Council of Engineering Companies (ACEC) with
4 the National Service Award in 2004; and

5 WHEREAS, Cliff Baxter served on the boards for several
6 organizations, including the Illinois State Chamber of
7 Commerce, the Memorial Medical Center and Memorial Health
8 System, US Bank, the University of Illinois Springfield, the
9 United Way of Central Illinois, and the Illini Country Club;
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11 WHEREAS, Cliff Baxter enjoyed golf, spending time with
12 family, and traveling with his wife and their friends; and

13 WHEREAS, Cliff Baxter was known as "Uncle Cliff" to Amie
14 Kelly and Karrie, Brett John, Heather, and Tara Wagner; and

15 WHEREAS, Cliff Baxter was preceded in death by his
16 brother-in-law, Dennis Kelly; his nephew, Michael Kelly; and
17 his brother-in-law, Micah Garner; and

18 WHEREAS, Cliff Baxter is survived by his wife, Jan; his
19 sister, Velma (Baxter) Kelly; his brother-in-law, Norm (Judy)
20 Knous; his niece, Colleen (Steve) Bratcher, and their
21 children, Samantha and Michael; his nephew, Kyle (Jessica)

1 Knous; his nephew, Lucas Knous; his nephew, Matthew (Taylor)
2 Knous, and their children, Owen and Zoey; his niece, Marci
3 Garner, and her children, Wesley and Wyatt; his cousin, Dino
4 (Tammy); his niece, Devin Dinora; and his nephews, Rodney and
5 Joseph Garner; therefore, be it

6 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL
7 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
8 Cliff Baxter and extend our sincere condolences to his family,
9 friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it further

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