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SENATE RESOLUTION

2           WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate are saddened  
3 to learn of the death of Larry Hayes "Willie" Wilcox of  
4 Springfield, who passed away on December 11, 2023; and

5           WHEREAS, Larry Wilcox, the son of Warren and Doris (Hayes)  
6 Wilcox, was born in Springfield on February 9, 1949; he was  
7 raised in Palmer, where he was a member of Advent Christian  
8 Church; he graduated from Morrisonville High School in 1967;  
9 he married Ruth Kathryn Ferrill on June 7, 1968, and they later  
10 divorced; he attended Lincoln Land Community College; he was a  
11 member of the first graduating class of Sangamon State  
12 University, receiving his Bachelor of Arts in History in May  
13 1972; he later earned his Master of Arts in Accountancy from  
14 the University of Illinois Springfield in December 1995; and

15           WHEREAS, Larry Wilcox served in the 183rd Fighter Wing, a  
16 unit of the Illinois Air National Guard, for over 30 years  
17 before retiring at the rank of chief master sergeant; he was  
18 awarded the Meritorious Service Medal; and

19           WHEREAS, Larry Wilcox was a certified public accountant  
20 and a certified internal auditor; he worked as a civilian in  
21 the position of internal auditor for the Illinois Army  
22 National Guard; he continued his career as a certified

1 internal auditor at the National Bank of Hillsboro, the  
2 Illinois Department of Transportation, and the Illinois  
3 Commerce Commission; and

4 WHEREAS, Larry Wilcox was a member of the Illinois CPA  
5 Society and the American Contract Bridge League, achieving the  
6 level of gold life master; he belonged to Morrisonville  
7 American Legion Leslie-Reddick Post 721, where he volunteered  
8 to march in many parades and to assist with military funerals;  
9 he was also a blood donor, donating many gallons throughout  
10 his life; and

11 WHEREAS, Larry Wilcox was an avid sports fan, especially  
12 of the St. Louis Cardinals and the Fighting Illini basketball  
13 team, and he attended the 1996 Summer Olympics in Atlanta,  
14 Georgia and the 2000 Summer Olympics in Sydney, Australia; he  
15 enjoyed playing slow-pitch softball and league bowling for  
16 many years; he also loved rock & roll music and enjoyed playing  
17 the bass guitar, participating in two bands over the course of  
18 his life, The Sultans in high school and the band Traxx later  
19 in life; and

20 WHEREAS, Larry Wilcox was very proud of his grandchildren  
21 and loved spending time with them, and he was known for wearing  
22 his "Illini Grandpa" hat with pride; and

1           WHEREAS, Larry Wilcox was preceded in death by his  
2 parents; his maternal grandparents, Lee and Gladys Hayes; and  
3 his paternal grandparents, Orval and Rena Wilcox; and

4           WHEREAS, Larry Wilcox is survived by his daughter, Christy  
5 (Clayton) Bloome; his grandchildren, Jake (Rachel Dougherty)  
6 Bloome and Rebecca (Dustin Craig) Bloome; his  
7 great-granddaughter, Amelia Bloome; his brother, Bruce (Donna)  
8 Wilcox; his nieces, Bobbie (Hank) Harker and Laura (Andrew)  
9 Ahrens; his great-nephews and great-niece, Hayden, Brody, and  
10 Elayna Harker; therefore, be it

11           RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL  
12 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of  
13 Larry Hayes "Willie" Wilcox and extend our sincere condolences  
14 to his family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be  
15 it further

16           RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
17 presented to the family of Larry Wilcox as an expression of our  
18 deepest sympathy.