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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate are sadden to
3 learn of the death of Thomas Paul "Tom" Tomich, who passed away
4 on January 26, 2024; and

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WHEREAS, Tom Tomich was born to Joseph P. Tomich and Anne
6 Gust Tomich in Peoria on September 14, 1946; he grew up in East
7 Peoria and attended St. Monica's Catholic Church; he graduated
8 from East Peoria Community High School in 1964; and

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WHEREAS, Tom Tomich served in U.S. Marine Corps as part of
the 3rd Battalion, 3rd Marines, Lima Company, now called
11 Ripley's Raiders, from August 1965 to September 1967; for his
12 service, he received numerous decorations, including a Combat
13 Action Ribbon, a Vietnam Service Medal with Two Bronze Stars,
14 a Presidential Unit Citation, a Republic of Vietnam Campaign
15 Medal with 1960 Device, a Republic of Vietnam Meritorious Unit
16 Citation with Civil Action Color with Palm and Frame Ribbon
17 Bar, and a Good Conduct Medal; and

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WHEREAS, Tom Tomich worked at Caterpillar, Inc. before
enlisting; upon his return to civilian life, he worked a
variety of jobs and struggled with a number of issues
triggered by his Vietnam experience; and

1 WHEREAS, Tom Tomich always maintained his wry sense of
2 humor, despite his problems; he loved history, mysteries,
3 bacon, vanilla shakes, rock music, and cool cars; and

4 WHEREAS, Tom Tomich was preceded in death by his parents;
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6 WHEREAS, Tom Tomich is survived by his sister, Theresa
7 Tomich; his nephews, Andrew (Amy Cole) Metzroth and Ted
8 Metzroth; his niece, Lucy Metzroth; his great-niece, Lavender
9 Coleroth; and many cousins; therefore, be it

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

15 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
16 presented to the family of Tom Tomich as an expression of our
17 deepest sympathy.