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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 Philip Sharp McCully of Toluca, who passed away on February 13, 2024; and

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WHEREAS, Philip McCully was born to Everett S. and Geraldean (Thompson) McCully in Washburn on November 24, 1945; he graduated from Washburn High School and attended Illinois State University; in the mid-1960s, he opened the Rock House Teen Lounge in Washburn, giving teenagers from the surrounding communities the opportunity to gather and dance on Friday nights; he served in the Illinois Air National Guard; he married Sharon Holroyd/Holland on June 4, 1988, and they purchased a winter home in Florida in 2004, where they enjoyed spending winters and making new friends for 20 years; and

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WHEREAS, Philip McCully worked for Crescent Electric and Englewood Electric before joining the Miller Light Company, leading him to start his own lighting agency, Philip S. McCully & Associates, in 1972; when he retired in 2012 after 40 years, he represented over 70 lighting companies and had previously worked with architects, engineers, corporations, universities, the Illinois Department of Transportation, and many others in the central Illinois area; for his professional knowledge, he received a number of accolades from the lighting

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1 industry; and

2 WHEREAS, Philip McCully served as vice-chair of the
3 Marshall County Republican Central Committee for 10 years
4 before serving as chairman for 10 more years; he enjoyed
5 helping support many local, state, and federal candidates over
6 the years; and

7 WHEREAS, Philip McCully was committed to his faith, and he
8 served as an elder and trustee at his church; he previously
9 served on the board of Tall Oaks Country Club, on the Toluca
10 City Council, the previous Toluca Business Association, and
11 the Upper Illinois River Valley Development Authority
12 (UIRVDA); he had also served as grand marshal of the annual
13 Labor Day festivities in Toluca; and

14 WHEREAS, Philip McCully loved his family, and he enjoyed
15 traveling throughout the United States and many other
16 countries with his wife, watching his children and
17 grandchildren playing various sports, attending dance
18 recitals, golfing with his son and grandson, playing
19 pickleball with his granddaughters, laughing with his family,
20 and sharing their achievements with others; he was a fan of the
21 Chicago Cubs, the Chicago Bears, and the Florida Gulf Coast
22 University Eagles; and

1 WHEREAS, Philip McCully was preceded in death by his
2 parents; his brother in infancy, James Everett; and his
3 brother, Keith McCully; and

4 WHEREAS, Philip McCully is survived by his wife, Sharon;
5 his children from his previous marriage to Suzanne Dobrich,
6 Lori (David) Durst, Stephenie (Tim) Schwanke, Melissa (Rich)
7 Grandsart, and Derek (Karen) McCully; Sharon's daughters,
8 Stefanie (Mike) Lansing and Michelle (Brad) Gerdes; his
9 brother, Gary (Linnie) McCully; his sister, Sally (Larry)
10 Arends; nine grandchildren; six step-grandchildren; and eight
11 great-grandchildren, with one on the way; therefore, be it

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

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