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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 Les Peterson of Palos Park, who passed away on January 6, 2023; and

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WHEREAS, Les Peterson was born in Chicago on March 5, 1954; and

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WHEREAS, Les Peterson worked in law enforcement for 50 years; in addition to his work as a public servant, he spent 25 years as an educator, teaching law enforcement to local college students; and

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WHEREAS, Les Peterson had an amazing sense of humor with an infectious laugh and a smile that would light up even the biggest of rooms; when he was not building something, fixing something, or taking part in one of his many interesting hobbies such as beekeeping, he could usually be found towing his kids around the lake on inner tubes or driving his beloved granddaughter, "Baby Reesie", around the yard on the golf cart; he was an avid fan of Bruce Springsteen; and

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WHEREAS, Les Peterson was a "best friend" and "brother" to many and lived his life with a servant's heart, always ready to help someone when they needed something; and

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1 WHEREAS, Les Peterson was preceded in death by his father,
2 Ben B. Peterson, and his siblings, Phyllis (James) Benbow and
3 Ernie Peterson; and

4 WHEREAS, Les Peterson is survived by his wife of 34 years,
5 Kate (Murphy); his children, Shane (Hannah Gilbert), Kelly
6 (Kevin) Pendl, and Megan (Jimmy Wrobel); his granddaughter,
7 Reese Kathleen Pendl; his mother, Francis (White) Peterson;
8 and his siblings, Linda Heer, Ben B. Peterson II, Shari
9 (Harley) Chapin, Eric Peterson, Glenn (Kim) Peterson, Kristina
10 (Michael) Mondragon, and Martha (Jack) Nagle; 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 Les Peterson and extend our sincere condolences to his family,
14 friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it further

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