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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives are saddened to learn of the death of John L.
4 Rask of Victoria, who passed away on January 2, 2025; and

5 WHEREAS, John Rask, the son of Lowell and Marilyn
6 (Sornberger) Rask, was born in Galesburg on August 31, 1955;
7 he graduated from ROVA High School; he married Kristine L.
8 Self at the United Methodist Church in Williamsfield on August
9 15, 1997; and

10 WHEREAS, John Rask worked for the former Midland Coal
11 Company in Victoria for five years; he then owned and operated
12 Rask Transportation in Victoria, which he founded in 1979,
13 growing his business from one truck and one trailer to 25 fuel
14 trailers, 14 dump trailers, a low boy, three tandem axle
15 dumps, 30 tractors, three lime spreaders, 11 drivers, 11 owner
16 operators, two mechanics, five office personnel, and a
17 groundskeeper/truck detailer; and

18 WHEREAS, John Rask was a member of the United Methodist
19 Church in Victoria, a life member of the NRA, and a 40-plus
20 year member of Midwest Truckers; and

21 WHEREAS, John Rask enjoyed tinkering on equipment,

1 farming, and feeding his geese and pheasants; he was also a gun
2 collector and a big truck lover; and

3 WHEREAS, John Rask will be remembered as an honest,
4 hands-on, hard-working man; and

5 WHEREAS, John Rask was preceded in death by his father,
6 his grandfather, and his sister, Marcia; and

7 WHEREAS, John Rask is survived by Robert (Meta) Rask,
8 Jacob (Jessica) Rask, Chance Rask, Derick (Lacy) Dykeman,
9 Tyler Dykeman, and James Dykeman; seven grandchildren; his
10 mother; his brother, Robert Rask; his nephew, Brandon (Marta)
11 Rask; his niece, Nikki Rask; and his loyal companion, Thor;
12 therefore, be it

13 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
14 HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
15 we mourn the passing of John L. Rask and extend our sincere
16 condolences to his family, friends, and all who knew and loved
17 him; and be it further

18 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
19 presented to the family of John Rask as an expression of our
20 deepest sympathy.