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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 Thomas  
4 J. "Tom" Schutte, who passed away on February 13, 2025; and

5           WHEREAS, Tom Schutte, the son of Rome and Marge (Wilson)  
6 Schutte, was born in Quincy on May 11, 1940; he attended Camp  
7 Point High School; he later married Judi Willer on October 26,  
8 1974; and

9           WHEREAS, Tom Schutte served in the U.S. Army National  
10 Guard and was a member of the 126th Supply and Services  
11 Company, also known as the Hallmark Company; his unit,  
12 consisting of 144 soldiers, was deployed in September 1968,  
13 becoming the only Illinois National Guard unit to be sent to  
14 Vietnam; he and a majority of the unit were stationed in Chu  
15 Lai, Vietnam, where they came under attack on their second  
16 night, and they all later returned to a parade and celebration  
17 in Quincy, Illinois in August 1969; and

18           WHEREAS, Tom Schutte worked for BNSF Railway, a freight  
19 railroad company also referred to as the Burlington Northern  
20 Santa Fe Railroad, for over 36 years; and

21           WHEREAS, Tom Schutte was a strong Quincy Notre Dame High

1 School supporter and volunteer, and he was inducted into the  
2 Quincy Notre Dame Hall of Fame in 2016; he loved attending and  
3 watching his family's sports activities, including those of  
4 his nieces, nephews, and friends; and

5 WHEREAS, Tom Schutte was preceded in death by his parents;  
6 and

7 WHEREAS, Tom Schutte is survived by his wife, Judi; his  
8 son, Eric Schutte; his son, Shane (fiancee, Amanda Cannon)  
9 Schutte, and his son's fiancee's children, Devon and Aidan  
10 Cannon; his siblings, Jim (Marcia) Schutte and Sherry (Roger)  
11 Willis; and his nieces, nephews, cousins, and other relatives;  
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 Thomas J. "Tom" Schutte and extend our  
16 sincere condolences to his family, friends, and all who knew  
17 and loved him; and be it further

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