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1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of  
3 Representatives are saddened to learn of the death of Roxie  
4 Lee "Rocky" Frederick Jr., who passed away on March 31, 2025;  
5 and

6 WHEREAS, Roxie Frederick was born on December 28, 1955; he  
7 married Joyce Marie Tooley on January 8, 1973; he spent each  
8 day learning something new, and he earned accolades in  
9 photography from Lake Land College and obtained a diploma in  
10 welding; he made the front page of the Litchfield News Herald,  
11 and his image of the Illinois State Capitol was chosen for  
12 official use by the State; he captured shots of the new Busch  
13 Stadium and sold them to fans all across Central Illinois; and

14 WHEREAS, Roxie Frederick photographed the beauty of the  
15 pine tree landscape at the old Litchfield Lake, and those  
16 photos are on display at the Old Route 66 Litchfield Museum;  
17 his pictures are also displayed along the hallways at Lincoln  
18 Land Community College-Litchfield; he was accomplished at  
19 everything he pursued and noted for being a hard worker; he  
20 dedicated every day towards giving his family his best; and

21 WHEREAS, Roxie Frederick was a true explorer at heart,  
22 taking road trips with Joyce across the country, from coast to

1 coast; he was a lifelong St. Louis Cardinals fan, and he passed  
2 his love of baseball on to his children and even coached his  
3 son's junior high school team; baseball was tied to the  
4 foundation of his life, whether he was watching games at home,  
5 listening to them at work, or cheering from the stands at Busch  
6 Stadium; and

7 WHEREAS, Roxie Frederick worked as a laborer at Illinois  
8 Coal Mines for five years; he then worked as a mail messenger  
9 and logistics manager for the Illinois Department of Commerce  
10 and Economic Opportunity for 20 years; he proceeded to work as  
11 a commuter bus driver for 17 years, taking State employees to  
12 Springfield and serving Cavallo Bus Lines on weekends, and he  
13 was beloved by colleagues and patrons alike; and

14 WHEREAS, Roxie Frederick left a legacy of love, laughter,  
15 and deep devotion, and his spirit will live on through the  
16 countless lives he touched; and

17 WHEREAS, Roxie Frederick was preceded in death by his  
18 parents, Roxie Lee Frederick Sr. and Virginia Irene (Lassiter)  
19 Frederick; and

20 WHEREAS, Roxie Frederick is survived by his wife of 52  
21 years, Joyce; his children, Shelly (Brian Stewart) Grigoroff,  
22 Jeremy (Merisa) Frederick, and Jessica (Ryan) Dougherty; ten

1 grandchildren; one great-grandchild; his sisters, Mary Ann  
2 Snyder and Robin (Phillip) Frederick; and his brothers, Dale  
3 Frederick and Charles "Chuck" (Heather) Frederick; therefore,  
4 be it

5 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE  
6 HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
7 we mourn the passing of Roxie Lee "Rocky" Frederick Jr. and  
8 extend our sincere condolences to his family, friends, and all  
9 who knew and loved him; and be it further

10 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
11 presented to the family of Roxie Frederick as an expression of  
12 our deepest sympathy.