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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 Carl
4 William Strathmann, who passed away on March 7, 2026; and

5 WHEREAS, Carl Strathmann, the son of William and Sophie
6 Strathmann, was born in Chicago on August 5, 1945; he proudly
7 served as a medic in the United States Army; and

8 WHEREAS, Following his career as a data communications
9 field engineer for AT&T, Carl Strathmann built a successful
10 business in residential and commercial remodeling and
11 rehabilitation management, Recon, leaving his signature on
12 many homes, businesses, and the GM Corvette plant, where he
13 was the architect of the network wiring infrastructure; and

14 WHEREAS, Carl Strathmann supported his community as an
15 elected member of the Elgin Township Board and the
16 longest-sitting chair of the Elgin Township Democrats, a
17 position he held for 12 years; he received the Harry S. Truman
18 Award for outstanding volunteerism; he and his wife, Cherryl,
19 spent countless hours opening their home to their community to
20 welcome new candidates, gather signatures, organize
21 volunteers, support law enforcement and community safety
22 initiatives, and help neighbors through food drives and

1 charitable collections; and

2 WHEREAS, Carl Strathmann loved the music of the Eagles and
3 Jimmy Buffett as well as travel, trains, tools, and tinkering,
4 and he learned how to fix a variety of things while sharing his
5 skills with others; he enjoyed riding his Can Am with
6 motorcycle enthusiasts Cherryl, Pam, and Deb; his favorite
7 trips included spending time at various Maker Faires in
8 Illinois and California with Matt, Steve, Eric, Alex, Claud,
9 and their families; he and his wife enjoyed supporting the
10 theater with friends and spending time on the lakes of
11 Wisconsin; and

12 WHEREAS, Carl Strathmann will be remembered for his
13 kindness, wisdom, sense of humor, loyalty to loved ones, and
14 entertaining stories; and

15 WHEREAS, Carl Strathmann was preceded in death by his
16 parents; his brother, Jerome Strathmann; and his
17 brother-in-law, Elmer Scheuerman; and

18 WHEREAS, Carl Strathmann is survived by his wife, Cherryl;
19 his children, Dawn (Matt) Janecek, Steve (Cecilia) Strathmann,
20 and Eric (Katy) Strathmann; his bonus children, Rebeca (Matt)
21 Mead and Matt (Rebecca) Fritz; 11 grandchildren, with one more
22 on the way; his sister, Judy Scheuerman; and many dear

1 friends, neighbors, and fellow storytellers; therefore, be it

2 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
3 HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
4 we mourn the passing of Carl William Strathmann and extend our
5 sincere condolences to his family, friends, and all who knew
6 and loved him; and be it further

7 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
8 presented to the family of Carl Strathmann as an expression of
9 our deepest sympathy.