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SENATE RESOLUTION

2        WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate are saddened  
3        to learn of the death of Richard E. "Dick" Helton of  
4        Shelbyville, who passed away on January 7, 2025; and

5        WHEREAS, Dick Helton, the son of Vernon "Jiggs" Helton Jr.  
6        and Alice Ruth (Bare) Helton, was born in Shelby County on  
7        January 20, 1951; he graduated from Shelbyville High School in  
8        1969, and he went on to graduate from Lake Land College and  
9        Eastern Illinois University; he was a member of the Illinois  
10      Army National Guard from 1969 to 1975; he married Toni Marie  
11      Price in Shelbyville on June 21, 1972; and

12       WHEREAS, Over the course of his 45-year career in public  
13      service, Dick Helton worked as a sanitarian for the Shelby  
14      County Health Department and the DeWitt-Piatt Bi-County Health  
15      Department, a city administrator for the City of Clinton, an  
16      executive director for the Bloomington-Normal Area Chamber of  
17      Commerce and Economic Development, and as village manager of  
18      Savoy; and

19       WHEREAS, Dick Helton was a member of the First Christian  
20      Church of Shelbyville; he was also a member of the Clinton  
21      Rotary Club, the Savoy Rotary Club, the Illinois City  
22      Managers' Association, the American City Managers'

1       Association, the Illinois Planning Association, the American  
2       Planning Association, and many other organizations; and

3           WHEREAS, Dick Helton was an avid fan of the Chicago Cubs,  
4       the Chicago Bears, and University of Illinois sports; and

5           WHEREAS, Dick Helton was happiest when spending time with  
6       his family and friends; he loved his family, his country, and  
7       his faith; and

8           WHEREAS, Dick Helton was preceded in death by his parents  
9       and his brothers, Michael Vernon Helton and Stephen Franklin  
10      Helton; and

11          WHEREAS, Dick Helton is survived by his wife, Toni Helton;  
12        his children, Kristi Marie (Jason) Probst, Benjamin Richard  
13        (Sarah) Helton, Adam Douglas (Christina) Helton, and Caroline  
14        Alyse (Devin Scheidemantel) Helton; his adopted daughter,  
15        Britany (James) Carver; and 11 grandchildren; therefore, be it

16          RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL  
17        ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of  
18        Richard E. "Dick" Helton and extend our sincere condolences to  
19        his family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it  
20        further

1           RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
2 presented to the family of Dick Helton as an expression of our  
3 deepest sympathy.