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1 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.