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1 SENATE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate are saddened  
3 to learn of the death of Duane John Davis of Pekin, who passed  
4 away on November 26, 2024; and

5 WHEREAS, John Davis was born to Willard W. and Katherine  
6 L. (Farmer) Davis in Jefferson City, Missouri on May 16, 1941;  
7 he served in the U.S. Army, where he was stationed in Germany  
8 and through which he learned photography and film development;  
9 he achieved three associate degrees in multiple fields of  
10 study through Illinois Central College; he was previously  
11 married to Vivienne A. "Toni" (Major) Nelson and then Jill  
12 (Scheidler) Davis, and they survive; and

13 WHEREAS, John Davis worked as a truck driver for Starr  
14 Transport, retiring in 2013; prior to that, he worked as an  
15 equipment repair technician at UARCO for many years; he also  
16 formerly served as a police officer for the Pekin Police  
17 Department and as police chief of the Delavan Police  
18 Department; and

19 WHEREAS, John Davis pursued a multitude of hobbies  
20 throughout the years, including collecting matchbooks,  
21 photography and film developing, building model railroads,  
22 reading and completing crossword puzzles, and video gaming;

1 due to his sense of adventure and love for the outdoors, he  
2 became a private pilot and enjoyed sharpening his target  
3 shooting skills; and

4 WHEREAS, John Davis was a very family-oriented man known  
5 as a bit of homebody later in life who showed kindness through  
6 his love of pets and donating to charities; he was a big fan of  
7 the Chicago Bears and always enjoyed a fresh baked loaf of  
8 bread; and

9 WHEREAS, John Davis was preceded in death by his parents;  
10 his brother, William Davis; and his sister, Daphene Sweeney;  
11 and

12 WHEREAS, John Davis is survived by his daughter, Renee  
13 (Curt) Afdahl; his granddaughters, Dreeyan (Ryan) Hughes and  
14 Jorheene Spradlin; his great-granddaughter, Brynleigh Hughes;  
15 his siblings, Walter J. (Sally) Davis and Shirley H. (Bob)  
16 Hayes; his stepchildren, Tara, Tim, and Tom; and several  
17 nieces and nephews; therefore, be it

18 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL  
19 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of  
20 Duane John Davis and extend our sincere condolences to his  
21 family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it  
22 further

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