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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate are saddened to learn of the death of Keith Mitchell Berry of Peoria, who passed away on January 25, 2025; and

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WHEREAS, Keith Berry was born in Carbondale to L. Rachel Daniels Berry and Vernon Berry on December 11, 1948; his family relocated to Peoria when he was three, and he grew up on Peoria's south side; he graduated from Manual High School in 1966; he served with the U.S. Army as a combat medic in Vietnam from 1968 to 1969; he returned from Vietnam and married Kathe Carrigan; and

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WHEREAS, Keith Berry worked in the Peoria area in sales, teaching, and community service; he also completed an associate's degree at Illinois Central College; he worked for several years at WCBU and Channel 47; he was the commentator for the Peoria City Council for several years; and

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WHEREAS, Keith Berry met his second wife, Cinda Thompson, when he freelanced as a photographer with the textbook company for which she worked; they married on September 16, 1995; and

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WHEREAS, Keith Berry was talented with electronics but also artistic and creative with broadcasting, photography, and

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1 design; in addition to working independently, he helped create
2 Image Design, an artistic collaborative; he was extroverted
3 and loved people and will be especially remembered for his
4 wit, his sense of humor, and his intelligence; and

5 WHEREAS, Keith Berry is survived by his wife of 30 years,
6 Cinda; his son, David (Jami) Berry; his daughter, Anne (Tom)
7 Kirchgessner; and his grandchildren, Devin, Caera, Johnny,
8 Lucy, Peter, and Tommy; therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL
10 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
11 Keith Mitchell Berry and extend our sincere condolences to his
12 family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it
13 further

14 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
15 presented to the family of Keith Berry as an expression of our
16 deepest sympathy.