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1 SENATE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate are saddened
3 to learn of the death of Craig A. Roberts of Washington, D.C.,
4 formerly of Alton, who passed away on February 15, 2025; and

5 WHEREAS, Craig Roberts, the son of Jack and Rosemary
6 (Pichee) Roberts, was born in Alton on June 17, 1962; he
7 graduated from Alton High School in 1980; he attended Lewis
8 and Clark Community College, received a Bachelor of Science
9 from Western Illinois University in 1984, and continued his
10 education at the University of Illinois Springfield; and

11 WHEREAS, Craig Roberts began his extensive career in
12 politics as program director of the Illinois House Republican
13 Organization in 1986; he then worked as assistant to the
14 Lieutenant Governor of Illinois and later served as assistant
15 to the secretary of the Illinois Secretary of State for seven
16 years; and

17 WHEREAS, Craig Roberts then moved to Washington, D.C.,
18 where he worked as chief of staff for Congressman John Shimkus
19 from 1997 to 2021; he later served as a special advisor for the
20 House Committee on Administration and then as a consultant,
21 concluding his career as senior vice president at Milne,
22 Wiener & Shofe Global Strategies; and

1 WHEREAS, Craig Roberts served as president of the House
2 Chiefs of Staff Association, the longest-existing bipartisan
3 staff association in the history of Congress, from 2015 to
4 2020; he also served as secretary of the Capitol Hill Club
5 Board; and

6 WHEREAS, Craig Roberts co-authored several editions of the
7 Almanac of Illinois Politics during his time in state
8 government; and

9 WHEREAS, Craig Roberts was generous and humble,
10 demonstrating his kindness to family, friends, and colleagues
11 in a myriad of ways, and he will be remembered as a dedicated
12 public servant and an invaluable mentor to many; and

13 WHEREAS, Craig Roberts was preceded in death by his
14 parents; his sister, Sheryl Goodpasture; and his grandparents;
15 and

16 WHEREAS, Craig Roberts is survived by his siblings, Steven
17 Roberts, Stacy (Jim) Giddens, Cole Roberts, Shannon (Bill)
18 Willhite, and Susan (Curt) Robbins; his 17 nephews and nieces;
19 and many great-nieces and great-nephews; therefore, be it

20 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL

1 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
2 Craig A. Roberts and extend our sincere condolences to his
3 family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it
4 further

5 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
6 presented to the family of Craig Roberts as an expression of
7 our deepest sympathy.