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1 SENATE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate are saddened
3 to learn of the death of James A. "Jim" Wright of Ware, who
4 passed away on January 20, 2025; and

5 WHEREAS, Jim Wright was born to Wayne Karl "Kate" and
6 Ivory (Wilson) Wright in Union County on July 13, 1938; and

7 WHEREAS, Jim Wright worked at the Murray Center in
8 Centralia for five years before transferring to the Choate
9 Mental Health and Development Center, retiring after 25 years
10 of service; and

11 WHEREAS, Jim Wright was a strong AFSCME union member as an
12 employee and after his retirement, serving as president of
13 AFSCME Retirees Local Subchapter 90 for 30 years; he made
14 hundreds of trips to Springfield to fight against layoffs
15 while advocating to protect pensions and to ensure healthcare
16 coverage; he received a plaque from AFSCME in commemoration of
17 his years of dedication to the union and for inspiring others
18 to keep fighting the good fight; and

19 WHEREAS, Jim Wright was an active member of the Democratic
20 Party, serving as a precinct committeeman for over 50 years;
21 he worked diligently towards the election of hundreds of

1 office holders at the local, state, and federal levels; and

2 WHEREAS, Jim Wright loved watching his grandsons
3 participate in sports, playing bingo, going to the casino,
4 eating fried chicken, and watching any sport on television,
5 especially the St. Louis Cardinals; in his younger years, he
6 enjoyed fishing and hunting; and

7 WHEREAS, Jim Wright was preceded in death by his parents
8 and his siblings, Bill Wright, Barbara Foster, Lois Dickerson,
9 Ruth Allen, Sondra Clover, and Audrey Wright; and

10 WHEREAS, Jim Wright is survived by his daughter, Vonda
11 (Steve) Benefield; two grandsons; his siblings, Richard
12 Wright, Beverly Ellis, Sharon Smith, Vicki Wilson, Debbie
13 Wright, and Karen Wright; and numerous nieces, nephews,
14 extended family, and friends; therefore, be it

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

20 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
21 presented to the family of Jim Wright as an expression of our

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1 deepest sympathy.