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1 SENATE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate are saddened
3 to learn of the death of Larry N. Varner of Kewanee, formerly
4 of Galva, who passed away on April 19, 2025; and

5 WHEREAS, Larry Varner was born to D. Steve and Avis
6 (Beede) Varner in Fort Knox, Kentucky on September 2, 1944; he
7 graduated from Monticello High School in Monticello, Illinois
8 in 1962; he earned his Bachelor of Science in English
9 Education from Illinois State University in 1965; he married
10 Patty Carper at the Morton Methodist Church in Morton on March
11 22, 1969; he received both a Master of Science and an Advanced
12 Certificate in Counseling from the University of Illinois
13 Urbana-Champaign in 1970 and 1971, respectively; and

14 WHEREAS, Larry Varner taught English at Pekin High School
15 during the 1965-1966 school year and the 1968-1969 school
16 year, between which he served in the United States Army from
17 1966 to 1968; he began his counseling career at Galva High
18 School in the fall of 1970, and he retired from Galva
19 Junior-Senior High School in the spring of 1999; he served as
20 coach of the Galva High School Scholastic Team from 1973
21 through 2008, and he was inducted into the Illinois High
22 School Scholastic Coaches Hall of Fame; and

1 WHEREAS, Larry Varner joined the Galva Lions Club in 2000,
2 where he served as secretary for an extended time; and

3 WHEREAS, Larry Varner loved fishing in his spare time,
4 belonging to the Little John Conservation Club and the Hook
5 and Bullet Conservation Club and fishing at both clubs' lakes
6 often; he spent many summer vacations fishing in the Minnesota
7 Boundary Waters, the Turtle Flambeau area in northern
8 Wisconsin, and the Upper Peninsula of Michigan, and he often
9 fished alongside his successive Brittany spaniels; he also
10 enjoyed riding motorcycles, taking several weeks-long trips
11 all over the United States and Canada with his brother, Bruce;
12 and

13 WHEREAS, Larry Varner was preceded in death by his parents
14 and his brother, Alan Varner; and

15 WHEREAS, Larry Varner is survived by his wife of 56 years,
16 Patty; his sons, Mark (Andreia Krause) Varner and Ben (Erin)
17 Varner; two grandchildren; his brothers, Bruce (Connie) Varner
18 and Eric (Sue) Varner; and his last Brittany spaniel, Maggie;
19 therefore, be it

20 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL
21 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
22 Larry N. Varner and extend our sincere condolences to his

1 family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it
2 further

3 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
4 presented to the family of Larry Varner as an expression of our
5 deepest sympathy.