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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.