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SENATE RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate are saddened to learn of the death of Thomas Owen "Tom" Kuhl of Springfield, who passed away on March 16, 2025; and

WHEREAS, Tom Kuhl was born in Chicago to Mary (Owen) and Capt. Marion Kuhl on May 5, 1944; he attended St. Joseph Parochial School in Mattoon and graduated from Mattoon Senior High School in 1962; he attended the University of Illinois and graduated from Eastern Illinois University; he served his country in the U.S. Army from October 1968 to July 1970, which included a year in Vietnam; he married Diana Lou Glasscock in 1971; he married Jan (Hinton) Lane on May 19, 2000; and

WHEREAS, Tom Kuhl worked for the Illinois Consolidated Telephone Company for a total of 26 years; he then worked for the State of Illinois for over 18 years; in addition, he was part-owner of Knowles Cafeteria and taught as adjunct faculty at Lakeland College in Mattoon; and

WHEREAS, Tom Kuhl was committed to helping his fellow veterans, which was evident through his participation in the Lincoln Land Honor Flight program; and

WHEREAS, Tom Kuhl was an election judge for 28 years; he

1 was a member of St. Agnes Catholic Church, where he served as
2 an usher; he had a passion for the outdoors and was a Boy Scout
3 and president of the high school rifle team in his youth; he
4 was a member of Knights of Columbus 3rd Degree, beginning in
5 1973 and serving as their treasurer from 1974 to 1998, and a
6 member of Knights of Columbus 4th Degree, beginning in 1974
7 and serving as their comptroller from 1976 to 1998; he was also
8 a member of the Mattoon Rifle & Pistol Club and the Moose,
9 Eagles, and Abraham Lincoln gun clubs; and

10 WHEREAS, Tom Kuhl enjoyed riding and working on
11 motorcycles and Corvettes and tinkering with cars, computers,
12 and firearms; he found great joy in spending time with his
13 grandchildren and traveling with Jan; and

14 WHEREAS, Tom Kuhl was preceded in death by his first wife,
15 Diana; his parents; his stepdaughter, Kristen Lane-Brunson;
16 and his step-grandchildren, Jocelyn and Myles; and

17 WHEREAS, Tom Kuhl is survived by his wife of 25 years, Jan;
18 his children, Christina (Matt) Kuhl Wools and John Thomas
19 (Angie) Kuhl; his stepson, Robert Lane; his grandchildren,
20 Jacob and Jared Wools, and Elise, Ian, and Celine Kuhl; and
21 many close friends; therefore, be it

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

1 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
2 Thomas Owen "Tom" Kuhl and extend our sincere condolences to
3 his 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 Tom Kuhl as an expression of our
7 deepest sympathy.