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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 R. Willis of Havana, who passed
4 away at on October 9, 2025; and

5 WHEREAS, Larry Willis was born in Poplar Bluff, Missouri
6 to Wayne and Pauline (Jones) Willis on June 15, 1949; he served
7 in the U.S. Air Force from 1967 to 1971; he married Phyllis
8 Silberberg in Belleville on January 19, 1973; and

9 WHEREAS, Larry Willis was one of the first employees at
10 the Jake Wolf Memorial Fish Hatchery, where he worked until
11 retiring in 2010; and

12 WHEREAS, Larry Willis enjoyed spending time outdoors,
13 whether he was fishing, gardening, or watching the wildlife
14 around him; he was an avid bird watcher and enjoyed doing the
15 monthly bird count at the Emiquon Nature Preserve; he also
16 enjoyed watching his granddaughters participate in their
17 sporting events, musical performances, and theater
18 productions; he was a lifelong fan of the St. Louis Cardinals;
19 and

20 WHEREAS, Larry Willis was preceded in death by his parents
21 and sister, Roberta; and

1 WHEREAS, Larry Willis is survived by his wife, Phyllis;
2 his children, Noah (Ashley) Willis and Rachel (Ryan) Bieneman;
3 and his grandchildren, Ava, Maya, and Eliza Bieneman and Norah
4 and Naomi Willis; therefore, be it

5 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL
6 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
7 Larry R. Willis and extend our sincere condolences to his
8 family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it
9 further

10 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
11 presented to the family of Larry Willis as an expression of our
12 deepest sympathy.