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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate are saddened to learn of the death of Russell Stewart Anders of Springfield, who passed away on October 10, 2025; and

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WHEREAS, Russell Anders was born in Springfield on November 23, 1944; he served in the United States Navy as a photographer, capturing moments that became part of our nation's history; and

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WHEREAS, Russell Anders worked with the Plumbing and Steamfitters Union and as a plumbing inspector for the City of Springfield; his career lasted more than 40 years, during which he was known for his diligence, intelligence, and integrity; and

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WHEREAS, Russell Anders was a man of many talents and interests; he dressed up as Santa Claus for the Sid Wood Memorial Toy Run for many years, bringing joy to countless children during the holiday season; he also loved building model cars and semis, meticulously crafting each piece with love and attention to detail; and

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WHEREAS, Russell Anders was a beloved father, brother, and member of the Springfield community; his life was one marked

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1 by dedication, service, and the joy he brought to those around  
2 him; his legacy will endure through the lives he touched, the  
3 work he accomplished, and the love he shared; and

4 WHEREAS, Russell Anders was preceded in death by his  
5 parents; his siblings, Alice Dahl, Richard Lee Anders, Letha  
6 Houston, Richard Anders, Richard Franklin Anders, and Mattie  
7 Rosetta Luck; and his grandson, Russell Stewart Anders III;  
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9 WHEREAS, Russell Anders is survived by his son, Russell  
10 Anders II; his sister, Joan Elaine Nichols; and several  
11 nieces, nephews, and cousins; therefore, be it

12 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL  
13 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of  
14 Russell Stewart Anders and extend our sincere condolences to  
15 his family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it  
16 further

17 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
18 presented to the family of Russell Anders as an expression of  
19 our deepest sympathy.