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1 SENATE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate are saddened
3 to learn of the death of Joe Coleman of Pana, who passed away
4 on November 6, 2025; and

5 WHEREAS, Joe Coleman, the son of Morris J. and Wilma
6 (Overby) Coleman, was born in Pana on March 11, 1959; he
7 married Annette Riley; they later divorced, and she survives;
8 and

9 WHEREAS, Joe Coleman was the owner of Joe Coleman & Son
10 Environmental Services, Joe Coleman Salvage & Demolition, and
11 Whiskey Bill's Saloon and Liquor Emporium; and

12 WHEREAS, Joe Coleman was a member of the Masonic Lodge,
13 the Eagles, the Elks, and the Moose Lodge, and he was also a
14 25-year member of the Shriners; and

15 WHEREAS, Joe Coleman was an avid car collector; he was
16 proud of his collection and The Corvette Shed, which he was
17 always willing to open for benefits and special events for the
18 community; and

19 WHEREAS, Joe Coleman, known as "Papa Joe" to many, was a
20 proud father and grandfather who will be remembered as a

1 generous man who never wanted to be recognized; and

2 WHEREAS, Joe Coleman was preceded in death by his parents
3 and his brothers, Morrissey Coleman and Billy O. Coleman; and

4 WHEREAS, Joe Coleman is survived by his son, Zach (Katie)
5 Coleman; three grandchildren; his special children, Bridgett,
6 Abby, Lizey, Chad, and Levi; 12 special grandchildren; his
7 sisters, Linda Paden and Debra (Lamar) Embry; several nieces,
8 nephews, great-nieces, and great-nephews; and his best friend,
9 Brett "Brent" Henschen; therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL
11 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
12 Joe Coleman and extend our sincere condolences to his family,
13 friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it further

14 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
15 presented to the family of Joe Coleman as an expression of our
16 deepest sympathy.