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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 Philip R. "Phil" Supple of Normal, who passed away on November 22, 2025; and

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WHEREAS, Phil Supple was born to John and Ruth Supple in Danville on February 28, 1952; he served in the United States Navy; after his military service, he earned a degree in communication from Southern Illinois University; and

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WHEREAS, Phil Supple began his career in radio at WJBC, which soon led him into television journalism at WEEK 25, where he eventually became director of the news station; his writing and speaking skills later brought him to State Farm, where he served as director of public relations and played a key role in guiding the company's communications during Hurricane Katrina; he also shared his passion for storytelling as an instructor of communication courses at Bradley University; he retired in 2018; and

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WHEREAS, Phil Supple was a talented guitarist, and he cherished making music, attending concerts, and playing in the praise band at Community United Church of Christ in Morton; in recent years, he worked at Roth Pumpkin Patch in Morton during the autumn months, driving the hayrack ride and the children's

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1 barrel train; he further contributed to his community through
2 volunteering with a number of organizations throughout the
3 years, including St. Jude Children's Research Hospital and
4 Special Olympics; and

5 WHEREAS, Phil Supple enjoyed retirement with his wife,
6 Leah, at their home in Normal, where he embraced the things he
7 loved most, including music, teaching, service, and the simple
8 joy of observing a summer storm rolling in while he relaxed on
9 the porch with a cold beverage and his beloved dog, Maggie; and

10 WHEREAS, Phil Supple lived a life defined by curiosity,
11 kindness, and a gift for communication that touched countless
12 people; he will be remembered for his quick wit, his warm and
13 gracious personality, and the way he made everyone around him
14 feel heard and valued; his legacy will live on through the
15 stories he told, the music he played, and the love he shared so
16 freely; and

17 WHEREAS, Phil Supple was preceded in death by his parents;
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19 WHEREAS, Phil Supple is survived by his wife, Leah; his
20 children, John (Jenn), Annie (Charles), and Max (Sara); one
21 granddaughter; his sisters, Jan (Bob) and Nancy (Jim); one
22 niece; and his mother-in-law, Marilyn; therefore, be it

1 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL
2 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
3 Philip R. "Phil" Supple and extend our sincere condolences to
4 his family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it
5 further

6 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
7 presented to the family of Phil Supple as an expression of our
8 deepest sympathy.