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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 Mark E. Beard of Sherman, who passed away on November 25, 2025; and

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WHEREAS, Mark Beard was born to Edward Earl Beard and Janice Lewis in Springfield on August 1, 1956; he attended Williamsville High School, where he participated in track, cross country, and basketball; he married Terri Ferguson on October 25, 1975; and

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WHEREAS, Mark Beard worked as a systems engineer architect for Storage Technology for almost 30 years, and he also served a number of other large technology companies; and

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WHEREAS, Mark Beard coached his three children in various sports in their younger years; most recently, he enjoyed traveling and watching his seven grandchildren participate in various sports, concerts, and other activities; and

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WHEREAS, Mark Beard enjoyed bowling, playing softball, and riding his Harley-Davidson motorcycle; while at home, he and his wife enjoyed hosting family events, making caramels and brittle, and sitting outside by their koi pond; and

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1           WHEREAS, Mark Beard was preceded in death by his parents;  
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3           WHEREAS, Mark Beard is survived by his wife of 50 years,  
4           Terri; his children, Nicole (Matt) Tyson, Sara (Adam)  
5           Westlake, and Kaylan (Kelsey) Beard; seven grandchildren; and  
6           his siblings, Ron Dunkel and Susan Hinds; therefore, be it

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

12          RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
13          presented to the family of Mark Beard as an expression of our  
14          deepest sympathy.