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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 Matthew Lynn "Matt" Lakin of Bluffs, who passed away on December 25, 2025; and

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WHEREAS, Matt Lakin, the son of Eric and Chris Lakin, was born on June 13, 1975; he was raised on his family's farm in Murrayville; he attended Lincoln Elementary School and Jonathan Turner Junior High School, and he graduated from Jacksonville High School in 1993; he received a bachelor's degree in communications from the University of Illinois in 1998; and

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WHEREAS, Matt Lakin had a long and successful career in radio, including being a part of The Redneck Breakfast Club on WJVO, and he was dedicated to and beloved by his listeners; due to his love of music, he established a D.J. service, contributing to people's special moments; he also continued to play an integral role in supporting his family's farm; and

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WHEREAS, Matt Lakin enjoyed roller hockey, which he played at the University of Illinois, and his involvement in college set the stage for what would later become the Jacksonville Roller Hockey League; and

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1 WHEREAS, Matt Lakin was an avid fan of Star War and all
2 sports, especially the Fighting Illini, the Chicago Cubs, the
3 Chicago Bulls, the St. Louis Blues, the Dallas Cowboys, and
4 NASCAR, and he always looked forward to watching March Madness
5 and the Olympics with his friends; he also enjoyed running 5k
6 races with his wife, driving, building Legos, playing video
7 games, attending parties, and fishing; and

8 WHEREAS, Matt Lakin was an adored husband, son, brother,
9 uncle, and friend; and

10 WHEREAS, Matt Lakin was preceded in death by his
11 grandparents, Fritz Stegmann, Audrey Stegmann, Don Lakin, and
12 Betty Lakin, and his father-in-law, Jerry Gross; and

13 WHEREAS, Matt Lakin is survived by his wife of 20 years,
14 Judy; his parents; his sister, Shelley (Terry) Whewell; two
15 nephews; one great-nephew; his mother-in-law, Lynda Gross; and
16 his siblings-in-law, David Gross and Mary Gross; therefore, be
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18 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL
19 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
20 Matthew Lynn "Matt" Lakin and extend our sincere condolences
21 to his family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be
22 it further

1 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
2 presented to the family of Matt Lakin as an expression of our
3 deepest sympathy.