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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 John William Coultas of Peoria, who passed away on December 28, 2025; and

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WHEREAS, John Coultas, the son of Bill and Jane Coultas, was born on August 24, 1971; and

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WHEREAS, As a child, John Coultas loved exploring in nature, looking for eagle nests, playing soccer, skateboarding, playing hacky sack, riding in the back of his grandfather's red pickup truck, and playing Little League; and

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WHEREAS, In his teenage years, mischievous and undeniably charismatic, John Coultas filled his days with music, laughter, friends, and ripping donuts in the snow with his little sisters in the red pickup truck that had become his prized possession; and

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WHEREAS, After high school, John Coultas attended Parkland College before transferring to and graduating from the University of Wisconsin-Madison, where he was named a Gaylord Nelson Scholar; and

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WHEREAS, John Coultas especially enjoyed listening to the

1 music of the Grateful Dead, spending countless hours following
2 the band's tours across the country; and

3 WHEREAS, John Coultas loved few things more than his
4 annual trip to Florida with his father, traipsing about the
5 entire state to visit family and friends and always spending
6 at least three days at his favorite place in the world, Miami
7 Beach; and

8 WHEREAS, John Coultas never met a Monical's Pizza,
9 Starbucks coffee drink, or sweet treat that he did not like,
10 and he was a devoted fan of the Chicago Cubs and the Green Bay
11 Packers; and

12 WHEREAS, Despite suffering a life-altering traumatic brain
13 injury early in his adult life, John Coultas never lost his joy
14 and tenacity for life, and he never stopped laughing and
15 treating everyone he met with kindness and love; and

16 WHEREAS, John Coultas loved his family fiercely and
17 unconditionally, which was matched by their love for him and
18 shown through their steadfast dedication and heartfelt care;
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20 WHEREAS, John Coultas was an old soul, with a genuine
21 smile and a hearty laugh, who made friends with everyone he

1 encountered, and he will be remembered for the joy, courage,
2 love, and kindness that he exuded into the world; and

3 WHEREAS, John Coultas is survived by his parents; his
4 sisters, Martha Coultas and Emily (Caleb) Miller; his nephew
5 and nieces, Charlie, Etta, and Poppy Miller; and countless
6 family and friends; 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 John William Coultas 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 John Coultas as an expression of our
14 deepest sympathy.