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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 Thomas "Tom" Friye of Quincy, who passed away on January 31, 2026; and

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WHEREAS, Tom Friye, the son of Ted and Glenora (Heubner) Friye, was born in Quincy on January 31, 1942; he attended St. Francis Grade School and graduated from Christian Brothers Catholic High School in 1960; he also took classes at Iowa State University to become a registered landscape architect; he married Nancy Bardon at St. John Catholic Church on October 8, 1966; and

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WHEREAS, Tom Friye briefly worked for Grieving Sheet-Metal before joining Hamann Florist, where he worked for 10 years; he began working for Bergman Nurseries in January 1971 and stayed for 28 years; he and his three sons purchased Bergman Nurseries from the Bergman family in 1999, which became a highlight of his career; he was well-known in and around the Quincy area for his artistic and design abilities in landscape architecture, and after 41 years in the landscaping business, he retired in June 2012; and

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WHEREAS, Tom Friye served on numerous local boards and organizations, including the Quincy Roman Catholic Cemetery

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1 Board for over 30 years, the Quincy Tree Commission, and the
2 Quincy Notre Dame High School (QND) Board of Directors; he
3 also coached baseball through the Quincy Park District for
4 many years; and

5 WHEREAS, Tom Friye thoroughly enjoyed following all of his
6 sons' sports and school activities, and he was passionate
7 about QND sports; he and his wife enjoyed traveling, going on
8 many wonderful trips with his sister and brother-in-law,
9 Carolyn and Denny Lubbe, as well as vacations with his
10 lifelong friends, Tom and Shirley Kane; he also enjoyed
11 hunting and fishing with family and friends; and

12 WHEREAS, Tom Friye was a steadfast husband, father,
13 grandfather, and great-grandfather; and

14 WHEREAS, Tom Friye was preceded in death by his parents;
15 his in-laws, Harold and Alvera Bardon; and his
16 brothers-in-law, Bruce Bardon and Roger Bockhaus; and

17 WHEREAS, Tom Friye is survived by his wife of 59 years,
18 Nancy; his sons, Todd (Dee) Friye, Travis (Pam) Friye, and
19 Trevor (April) Friye; seven grandchildren; two
20 great-grandchildren; his sister, Carolyn (Denny) Lubbe; his
21 sister-in-law, Barbara Bardon Bockhaus; and numerous nieces
22 and nephews; 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 Thomas "Tom" Friye and extend our sincere condolences to his
4 family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it
5 further

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