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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 Stephen Eurel "Steve" Hoffman of Farmer City, who passed away on February 21, 2026; and

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WHEREAS, Steve Hoffman was born to Marion Eurel and Anna Lou (Wyatt) Hoffman Jr. in Springfield on April 13, 1961; he married Nancy Morgan in Fairmont on August 18, 1984; and

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WHEREAS, Steve Hoffman dedicated his life to working in communications and was currently working at the Allerton Park and Retreat Center in Monticello; he began his career in radio, working for stations WZND, WGLT, and WZRO; he later served as editor of the Piatt County Journal Republican and the Farmer City Journal and as general manager of Illinois Valley Press; he was also a contributor to the News Gazette in Champaign and the Pantagraph in Bloomington; and

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WHEREAS, Steve Hoffman was inducted into the Blue Ridge Wall of Fame in 2023, honoring his time at the Farmer City Journal and his work in capturing important moments at Blue Ridge Community Unit School District #18; and

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WHEREAS, Steve Hoffman was a founding member of Trinity Community Fellowship (TCF), where he shared his faith through

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1 his music, and he was also a member of the local area singing
2 group Bethel in the 1990s; and

3 WHEREAS, Steve Hoffman was a talented photographer who
4 spent his life in service to others by capturing important
5 life moments and nature, and his subjects often included
6 community members and his own grandchildren; and

7 WHEREAS, Steve Hoffman, affectionately known as "Papa",
8 was the best husband, father, and grandfather who loved
9 supporting the Chicago Cubs, going on walks, and riding his
10 bicycle; and

11 WHEREAS, Steve Hoffman was preceded in death by his
12 parents; and

13 WHEREAS, Steve Hoffman is survived by his wife of 41
14 years, Nancy Hoffman; his daughters, Danielle (Paul) Huston
15 and Rebekah (Adam Ries) Hoffman; four grandchildren; his
16 siblings, David Hoffman, Cheryl (Ted) Ramirez, and Fianna
17 (Vince) Ross; and many nieces, nephews, and extended family
18 members; therefore, be it

19 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL
20 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
21 Stephen Eurel "Steve" Hoffman and extend our sincere

1 condolences to his family, friends, and all who knew and loved
2 him; and be it further

3 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
4 presented to the family of Steve Hoffman as an expression of
5 our deepest sympathy.