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1 SENATE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate are saddened
3 to learn of the death of Mayor Jeffrey Joseph "Jeff" Walik of
4 the Village of Stickney, who passed away on May 9, 2026; and

5 WHEREAS, Mayor Walik was born to Joseph and Patricia Walik
6 on February 24, 1966; and

7 WHEREAS, Mayor Walik held a number of roles over the
8 course of his life, working as a newspaper boy, a grocer, a
9 delivery driver, a landscaper, a snow plower, a laundromat
10 owner, a police officer, a village trustee, and a village
11 mayor; no matter the title, he brought the same dedication,
12 grit, and personality into every position he undertook; and

13 WHEREAS, Mayor Walik served as Mayor of the Village of
14 Stickney since 2017, dedicating himself to caring for the
15 community, especially seniors, veterans, residents, and
16 students, while always striving to make others feel welcomed,
17 valued, and supported; and

18 WHEREAS, Mayor Walik lived a life marked by service,
19 humor, hard work, and a deep love for the people around him; he
20 will be remembered for his contagious smile, his
21 larger-than-life personality, and his sense of humor that

1 could make anyone laugh; and

2 WHEREAS, Mayor Walik was preceded in death by his parents;
3 and

4 WHEREAS, Mayor Walik is survived by his fiancée, Debra;
5 his children, Samantha (Alistair), Ashlee, Robert, Nicole, and
6 Sami; three grandchildren; his sister, Lisa; many nieces,
7 nephews, and extended family members; his friends; and
8 countless community members; therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL
10 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
11 Mayor Jeffrey Joseph "Jeff" Walik of the Village of Stickney
12 and extend our sincere condolences to his family, friends, and
13 all who knew and loved him; and be it further

14 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
15 presented to the family of Mayor Walik as an expression of our
16 deepest sympathy.