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SENATE RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate are saddened to learn of the death of William R. "Bill" Groves of Peoria, who passed away on May 22, 2026; and

WHEREAS, Bill Groves, the son of William A. and Elizabeth A. (Raistrick) Groves, was born in Peoria on March 2, 1955; he married Katherine Herschelman on March 3, 1990; and

WHEREAS, Bill Groves served as a proud member of the International Union of Operating Engineers Local 649 for more than 50 years; he retired in 2015 with 40 years of active service, the last 15 of which were spent with him serving as apprenticeship coordinator; and

WHEREAS, Bill Groves was an Eagle Scout who enjoyed spending time outdoors, hunting, fishing, and boating; he loved being with his family, including attending his granddaughters' sporting and music events, and he especially enjoyed having family time on his boat at Lake of the Ozarks and taking island vacations with his wife; and

WHEREAS, Bill Groves will be remembered as a loving and devoted husband, father, and grandfather; and

1 WHEREAS, Bill Groves was preceded in death by his parents;
2 his son, Nicholas Groves; and his father-in-law, Lyndal
3 Herschelman; and

4 WHEREAS, Bill Groves is survived by his wife, Katherine
5 Groves; his children, Jennifer (Don) Allison and Austin
6 (Lindsey Schafer) Groves; his grandchildren, McKinley and
7 Daniella; his sister, Marilyn Magiera; and his mother-in-law,
8 Mary Herschelman; 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 William R. "Bill" Groves and extend our sincere condolences to
12 his family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it
13 further

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