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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 Gary Anthony Knight of Springfield, who passed away on May 24, 2020; and

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WHEREAS, Gary Knight was born on December 27, 1941; he grew up in the oil fields of Brownstown with his parents, Herman and Ruth (Bullard) Knight, and his siblings, Vic and Linda; he served in the U.S. Army in Germany from 1961 to 1963, where he witnessed the Berlin Wall being built; he graduated from Lincoln Christian College; he earned his master's degree from Illinois State University; and

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WHEREAS, Gary Knight ministered in two parishes before choosing to serve the State of Illinois as an Illinois State Police officer from 1969 to 1993; he worked as a trooper and as executive security for then-Governor Dan Walker; while earning his master's degree, he joined the Division of Forensic Services as a crime scene investigator; he solved many murders and criminal cases before retiring as the assistant bureau chief of Crime Scene; and

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WHEREAS, Gary Knight was deeply devoted to his faith; he was known as a consummate jokester who brought levity to almost any situation, while being serious about friends, family, and

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1 faith; he will be remembered as a father, friend, and husband  
2 who filled his loved ones' hearts with joyful memories; and

3 WHEREAS, Gary Knight was preceded in death by his parents  
4 and his brother, Vic (Sue) Knight; and

5 WHEREAS, Gary Knight is survived by his wife of 45 years,  
6 Marcia (Petersen) Knight; his sons, Christopher (Will) and  
7 Joshua (Desire); his daughters, Kimberly (Mike Humphrey) and  
8 Kimberlee; his great-nephews, John Blocks and Lee Blocks; his  
9 grandchildren, Seth Knight, Chloe Knight, Taylor Humphrey,  
10 Gillian Humphrey, Winston Knight, and Haddon Knight; and his  
11 sister, Linda (Ronald) Thomas; therefore, be it

12 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL  
13 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of  
14 Gary Anthony Knight and extend our sincere condolences to his  
15 family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it  
16 further

17 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
18 presented to the family of Gary Knight as an expression of our  
19 deepest sympathy.