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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 Steven Wade Evans of Mt. Pulaski, who passed away on August 29, 2020; and

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WHEREAS, Steven Evans was born in Bloomington to Roy A. and Patricia (Wade) Evans on June 7, 1946; he served four years in the U.S. Navy during the Vietnam War aboard the U.S.S. Brownson and two years in the Navy Reserve in Bloomington; he earned multiple Bronze Stars and medals for his bravery and service; and

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WHEREAS, Steven Evans worked for Bridgestone Firestone/America OTR for 33 years, as both a supervisor and tire builder; he was seen as a leader and known for his strong work ethic; he was a role model and friend to countless younger employees, mentoring them in many ways; and

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WHEREAS, Steven Evans retired in 2003 and extended his love of being a devoted father into being a dedicated grandfather; he became a caretaker to his grandchildren who had flown across the world from Kazakhstan at the ages of three and one to join his family; he always took extreme pride in being their, "G-Pa"; and

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1 WHEREAS, Steven Evans had a lifelong love of working on
2 cars and trucks, which was spawned after he built a Harley
3 Davidson Chopper with his Navy friends; he spent many hours
4 with his father rebuilding a 1940 Ford pickup truck that he
5 cherished for years; his family traveled to many car shows
6 where he would often receive a first place trophy for best
7 truck and other times would win best of show; his love of Ford
8 trucks continued and ended with his beloved Ford Raptor; and

9 WHEREAS, Steven Evans was preceded in death by his parents
10 and his brother, Michael "Mick" Evans; and

11 WHEREAS, Steven Evans is survived by his wife, Martha; his
12 daughters, Stacey Evans and Michelle Kretschman; his
13 grandchildren Mateo and Natalia Kretschman; his sister, Linda
14 (Pete) Rojahn; his extended family, Rajean (Mark) Hoffman,
15 Robert Babbs Jr., Darrin L. (Tabitha) Babbs II, Eric Hoffman,
16 Alyssa Hoffman, RaLynn Babba, Korynn Hoffman, Claidyn Bottoms,
17 JozaLynn Babbs, Faye Babbs, Donald (Clindy) Babbs, James A
18 Babbs, Jon (Melissa) Leistner, and Barbara Babbs (Laura); and
19 over 200 nieces and nephews and other family members from all
20 over the country; therefore, be it

21 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL
22 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
23 Steven Wade Evans and extend our sincere condolences to his

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

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