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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 William "Bill" Andrew Brown, formally of Bloomington, who passed away on May 22, 2020; and

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WHEREAS, Bill Brown graduated from Bloomington High in 1961; he then joined the United States Marine Corps; during his service, he traveled extensively, including to Africa and numerous countries; he earned a meritorious promotion to Sergeant E-4 and was honorably discharged after six years of service; and

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WHEREAS, After his service, Bill Brown became an apprentice with a local bricklayer union in Bloomington and was given the title of youngest construction foreman in the area; after moving to Colorado, he purchased ski lodges, restaurants, and a pub; he then furthered his education and became a Municipal Judge in Grand County, Colorado; he also became a certified hotel administrator; he and his family then moved to Red River, New Mexico where he managed condominiums and a corporate hunting retreat and rodeo arena; wishing for a warmer climate, the family moved again to Texas, where he managed and built hotels on the Texas Gulf Coast; after buying an RV and extensive travel to the east coast, he found employment with the Department of Defense/NEXCOM; after retirement and

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1 settling back in Texas, he became seasonal general manager at  
2 the Paradise Inn at the foot of Mount Rainier and the next year  
3 at Lake Yellowstone Lodge; and

4 WHEREAS, Bill Brown loved to travel with his wife, Cricket;  
5 in his later years, he and his wife traveled all over the U.S.  
6 and Europe; he also enjoyed skiing, hunting, community service,  
7 and hospitality; and

8 WHEREAS, Bill Brown was proceeded in death by his parents,  
9 William "Bill" E. and Ina Jean Brown; and

10 WHEREAS, Bill Brown is survived by Cricket Brown and Nikki  
11 Brown and Mark Brown, Scott and Staci Huggins, and Jodi and  
12 Bill Taylor; his seven grandchildren, Braxton, Savannah, and  
13 Sage Huggins, Ryan Murry, and Chloe, Grace, and Kyle Taylor;  
14 his one great-grandchild, Houston Wyatt Huggins; his siblings,  
15 Robert "Ed" (Paula) Brown, Rodney O. (Pat) Brown, and Debba  
16 (John) Jean Sweeney; and his numerous nieces and nephews;  
17 therefore, be it

18 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL  
19 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of  
20 William "Bill" Andrew Brown and extend our sincere condolences  
21 to his family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be  
22 it further

1           RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
2 presented to the family of Bill Brown as an expression of our  
3 deepest sympathy.