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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 David Burton Mercier of Kappa, who passed away on September 20, 2020; and

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WHEREAS, David Mercier was born to E. Burton C. and Mary L. Gooding Mercier in Bloomington on September 10, 1950; he graduated from University High School in 1968; the summer after high school, he studied computer and electrical engineering at Carnegie Mellon University; he then studied business marketing and chemical engineering at the University of Colorado Boulder where he graduated in 1974; his studies also included time at Illinois State University; he was a proud U.S. Marine who completed Officer Candidate School at Quantico and was honorably discharged; he married Gladys F. Tietz in New York City on February 14, 1980; and

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WHEREAS, After school, David Mercier moved to New York City to work as a research analyst for the National Broadcasting Company (NBC); he also held positions as a research analyst at Donaldson, Lufkin & Jenrette and as a programmer at Chase Bank; he then started Micro Applications Systems in Port Washington, New York; he returned to Bloomington in 1989 and worked as vice president at Bloomington Offset Process; he was also the founder of Dave's World which was an internet services provider

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1 for home internet; his final career position was as chairman at  
2 Starnet Digital Publishing; and

3 WHEREAS, David Mercier was a proud member of the Sigma Chi  
4 fraternity; he was also a Mason with Normal Lodge 673 and a  
5 member of the Valley of Bloomington Scottish Rite; he was a  
6 Charter Member of the Bloomington Normal Sunrise Rotary where  
7 he served as president from 1991 to 1992 and was named a Paul  
8 Harris Fellow in 1992; and

9 WHEREAS, David Mercier had many hobbies, including flying,  
10 fishing, hunting, golfing, rocketry, and rock and gem  
11 collecting; he was an avid reader and always had a wealth of  
12 knowledge to share; he considered himself a wine aficionado and  
13 was a friend to everyone he met; and

14 WHEREAS, David Mercier was preceded in death by his father,  
15 E. Burton Mercier; his maternal grandparents, John C. and  
16 Frances Gooding; and his paternal grandparents, Charles and  
17 Ruth Mercier; and

18 WHEREAS, David Mercier is survived by his wife of 40 years,  
19 Gladys F. Mercier; his daughter, Meredith (Pedro) Diaz; his  
20 grandchildren, Viviana and Owen Diaz; his mother, Mary L.  
21 Mercier; his sisters, Karen (Rich) Crusius and Mary Jo (Sandy)  
22 Adams; his brother, Tom (Sandy) Mercier; his several nieces and

1 nephews; his great-nieces and great-nephews; and his black lab  
2 puppy, Ruby; therefore, be it

3       RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL  
4 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of  
5 David Burton Mercier and extend our sincere condolences to his  
6 family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it  
7 further

8       RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
9 presented to the family of David Mercier as an expression of  
10 our deepest sympathy.