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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 Gerald Allan Caldwell of Peoria, who passed away on December 29, 2020; and

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WHEREAS, Gerald Caldwell was born in Parsons, Kansas to Clarence Milton and Mildred Marie (Norrick) Caldwell on July 16, 1948; he attended Kansas University; he married Coleen Meier in Roeland Park, Kansas on December 16, 1972; and

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WHEREAS, Gerald Caldwell worked as a retail sales manager for Tandy Leather Company for many years; he also worked as a baker for both Le Bakery and Trefzgers; he continued baking for the Peoria Bread Company after his retirement; he was well-known for his famous cinnamon rolls, which he sold for charity during the holidays; and

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WHEREAS, Gerald Caldwell was actively involved with the Boy Scouts of America and was also a member of the Illinois Valley Leather Guild; he enjoyed woodworking, leather working, camping, and fishing; he cherished spending time with his family, especially his granddaughters; and

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WHEREAS, Gerald Caldwell was a loving husband, father, grandfather, brother, and uncle; he was known for living life

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1 with a spirit of generosity and a love for making people happy;
2 he will be remembered for having an educator's heart and for
3 always being willing to teach others; he was cherished and
4 deeply loved; and

5 WHEREAS, Gerald Caldwell was preceded in death by his
6 parents; his sisters, Elaine, Lillian, and Martha; and his
7 brother, Clarence Jr.; and

8 WHEREAS, Gerald Caldwell is survived by his wife of 48
9 years, Coleen; his daughters, Kimberly Rea (Nathaniel)
10 Wildebuer and Jennifer Jo (Ronald Rosenbaum) Zilch; his
11 granddaughters, Esther Violet and Leora Jane Wildebuer; and
12 his nieces and nephews; therefore, be it

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

18 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
19 presented to the family of Gerald Caldwell as an expression of
20 our deepest sympathy.