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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 Joseph Gregory "Greg" Gulick of Villa Grove, who passed away on February 16, 2021; and

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WHEREAS, Greg Gulick was born in Danville to Karen (Mitchell) and Joseph Lee Gulick on March 22, 1964; he attended the University of Illinois before transferring to Saint Louis University's Parks College to become an avionics engineer; he married Patricia "Tish" Francis in Shelton, Connecticut on July 28, 1989, and they had three sons; and

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WHEREAS, After graduating and earning his private pilot's license, Greg Gulick got a job at Sikorsky Helicopter at their office in Bridgeport, Connecticut; and

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WHEREAS, Alongside his wife, Greg Gulick was called to the ministry and joined The Way International; after completing their ministry training, they worked in Michigan for several years; during this time, he also taught himself computer programming and accepted a position as a part-time software engineer for the Sabre Corporation; after his third son was born, his family moved to Villa Grove; and

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WHEREAS, Greg Gulick was offered the position of senior

1 project manager in the Decision Support Unit by the University  
2 of Illinois (UI), and he began his UI career in October 2003;  
3 he was promoted six times; he eventually served as the deputy  
4 chief information officer (CIO) in Technology Services, and he  
5 served as interim CIO starting in June 2019; he nurtured his  
6 entire staff and connected with people across campus to build  
7 strong relationships with those Tech Services supports; he led  
8 several major efforts, including creating the innovation  
9 group, implementing unified communications, expanding campus  
10 networks, and launching the security initiative; and

11 WHEREAS, Greg Gulick was at the helm of Tech Services in  
12 March 2020 when the COVID-19 pandemic forced the University of  
13 Illinois to move all classes online during the seven-day  
14 spring break; alongside his team, he worked around the clock  
15 to meet the challenge; throughout the pandemic, he served on  
16 the university-wide COVID-19 Steering Committee and led the  
17 Tech Services team as they built the complex systems and  
18 applications to support UI's novel saliva testing program and  
19 the entire SHIELD ecosystem; and

20 WHEREAS, Greg Gulick continued to work at the University  
21 of Illinois even after contracting COVID-19; he attended  
22 meetings remotely and offered his staff and other colleagues  
23 wisdom, moral support, or just a funny comment to make them  
24 laugh; despite the tremendous responsibility and workload, he

1 approached his job with confidence, compassion, and a laser  
2 focus on doing everything possible to help UI students,  
3 faculty, staff, and the greater community stay safe during the  
4 pandemic; and

5 WHEREAS, Greg Gulick was deeply committed to his faith; he  
6 enjoyed golfing, and he scored a hole-in-one on two separate  
7 occasions; and

8 WHEREAS, Greg Gulick was known for his thoughtful approach  
9 to problem solving; he will be remembered as a leader who  
10 changed the University of Illinois for the better, as a son and  
11 brother who was the darling of his family, as a husband who  
12 loved his wife with his whole heart, and as a father who loved  
13 each of his sons completely and uniquely; and

14 WHEREAS, Greg Gulick was the husband of Patricia "Tish";  
15 the father of Joseph, James "Jake", and Matthew; the son of  
16 Karen (Mitchell) and Joseph Lee Gulick; the stepson of Alfred  
17 Hettinger; the brother of Denise Rieser (Gil) and Michelle  
18 Osborne; and the friend to many; therefore, be it

19 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL  
20 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of  
21 Joseph Gregory "Greg" Gulick and extend our sincere  
22 condolences to his family, friends, and all who knew and loved

1 him; and be it further

2       RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
3 presented to the family of Greg Gulick as an expression of our  
4 deepest sympathy.