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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 Stephen "Steve" Carter Ballinger I of Mattoon, who passed away on July 7, 2021; and

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WHEREAS, Steve Ballinger was born to Leonard Carter "Dutch" and Margaret Fern (Furry) Ballinger in Mattoon on October 1, 1946; he married Cheryl A. Storm in Mattoon on June 27, 1976; he was a proud veteran of the Vietnam War who served his country in the United States Air Force; and

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WHEREAS, After his honorable discharge from the Air Force, Steve Ballinger started his 30 year career at the Mattoon Street Department; he was previously employed by Young Radiator for 13 years; and

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WHEREAS, Steve was an active member of the First Christian Church of Mattoon where he served as a deacon and a trustee; throughout the years, he was a member of various lodges and organizations, including the Masonic Lodge at Wabash #179 A.F. & A.M., the Corn Belt Shrine Club of Coles County, the Ansar Shriners of Springfield, the Mattoon Exchange Club, the American Legion of Mattoon, and Mattoon VFW Post 4325; he was devoted to the Boy Scouts of America and served as an Assistant Troop Leader to Boy Scout Troop 152 and as Advanced Committee

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1 Chairman for the Lincoln Trails District; and

2 WHEREAS, Steve Ballinger was a man of strong faith; his
3 favorite times were spent with his children and grandchildren
4 on the family farm; his devotion to his family and friends was
5 paramount in his life, and he was happiest when surrounded by
6 loved ones; and

7 WHEREAS, Steve Ballinger was preceded in death by his
8 parents and his grandson, Garrison D. Ballinger-Coffman; and

9 WHEREAS, Steve Ballinger is survived by his wife, Cheryl;
10 his two daughters, Cheri L. Coffman and Lisa M. Ballinger; his
11 son, Stephen (Kyla) Carter Ballinger II; and his five
12 grandchildren, Anthony (Katie) G. Coffman, Gregory (Monica) D.
13 Coffman, Kimberly M. Coffman, Carter T. Ballinger, and Callyn
14 A. Ballinger; therefore, be it

15 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL
16 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
17 Stephen "Steve" Carter Ballinger I and extend our sincere
18 condolences to his family, friends, and all who knew and loved
19 him; and be it further

20 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
21 presented to the family of Steve Ballinger as an expression of

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1 our deepest sympathy.