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SENATE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate are saddened
3 to learn of the death of John F. Trees of Springfield, who
4 passed away on July 6, 2022; and

5 WHEREAS, John Trees was born to Arthur C. and Frances M.
6 Madigan Trees in Urbana on June 5, 1947; he graduated from
7 Feisthans High School in 1965; he attended Lincoln Land
8 Community College; he served in the U.S. Air Force during the
9 Vietnam War, where he developed lifelong friendships and
10 received an honorable discharge; he married Candice D. Senor
11 in Springfield on September 28, 1974; and

12 WHEREAS, John Trees worked as a skilled laborer and an
13 accomplished carpenter, and he had several trade
14 certifications; he retired from the Illinois Department of
15 Transportation, after an illustrious career with the State of
16 Illinois; his career included a stint at the Illinois State
17 Fair, where he worked as a carpenter; he additionally served
18 as a journeyman for the Carpenter Apprenticeship School and
19 worked at the Clinton Nuclear Power Plant for a short time; and

20 WHEREAS, John Trees was a member of American Legion Post
21 809, Carpenter's Local 16, and Stationary Engineers Local 399;
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1 WHEREAS, John Trees was a voracious reader and a student
2 of history; he loved reading the Sunday New York Times,
3 listening to good music, traveling, and eating delicious food;
4 he also loved getting a good bargain, going to garage sales,
5 and antiquing; in his younger years, he and his wife annually
6 attended the New Orleans Jazz Fest; he was a devoted Cardinals
7 fan and supported the local high school sports teams,
8 especially the Southeast High School Spartans' girls
9 basketball and track teams; he enjoyed taking hunting trips to
10 Pike County and fishing at Reelfoot Lake in Tennessee with his
11 daughters, brother, and nephews; he also enjoyed spending time
12 with his grandchildren; and

13 WHEREAS, John Trees was affectionately known as "Papa
14 John"; he was also fondly known as "Tall Trees" by his friends
15 at Spammy's; he was a master carpenter who could fix anything
16 or knew someone who could if he could not; he was always
17 willing to lend a hand to those in need and knew no strangers;
18 he and his wife had a welcoming home, opening it to family and
19 friends in their times of need and hosting many fun filled June
20 birthday parties; and

21 WHEREAS, John Trees is survived by his wife of 47 years,
22 Candice D. Trees; his daughters, Peggi (Marcus) Trees-Gant,
23 Jessi Trees, and Johanna (Dr. Corbet Ellison) Trees, Esq.; his

1 niece, Dr. Alexandra (Sherwin) Lockridge Jr.; his
2 grandchildren, Makai, Marisa, Megan, Dariana, and Madigan; his
3 brother, Tom (Norma) Trees; his in-laws, Deborah (David)
4 Burns, Lester Kevin (Linda) Senor, Patricia (Donald) Carter,
5 Herman (Valeria) Senor, and Mark Senor; his nephews, Josh
6 (Yvan) Trees, Brook (Lynn) Trees, and Patrick Trees; his good
7 friend, Jesse Bustamante; his friend, John B. Hudson; the sons
8 to whom he was a father figure, Donald, Harrison, and Ho Chi;
9 his beloved dog, Max; a host of nieces and nephews; and all his
10 friends around the globe; therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL
12 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
13 John F. Trees and extend our sincere condolences to his
14 family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it
15 further

16 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
17 presented to the family of John Trees as an expression of our
18 deepest sympathy.