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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 Roger Cunningham of Peoria, who passed away on June 21, 2022; and

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WHEREAS, Roger Cunningham was born in Chicago on December 4, 1940; he grew up in Galesburg; he earned a bachelor's degree and a master's degree in Music Education from Illinois Wesleyan University and the University of Illinois; he married Shirley Koelling in 1966, and they resided in the Peoria area for most of their married life; and

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WHEREAS, Roger Cunningham proudly played trombone in the U.S. Army Band at Fort Knox for two years; he also played trombone in the Peoria Symphony Orchestra and the Peoria Municipal Band; he was also a skilled player of recorders, and he participated in various recorder ensembles and music festivals throughout the country; and

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WHEREAS, Roger Cunningham made his career in computer programming, spending most of his years at the RLI Corporation; and

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WHEREAS, Roger Cunningham was an active member of the Universalist Unitarian Church of Peoria, where he sang in the

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1 choir and managed the UU Cuubs church baseball team in the  
2 1990s; in recent years, he became an avid student of the  
3 Mandarin language due to inspiration by several close  
4 connections with Chinese students, friends, and teachers; and

5 WHEREAS, Roger Cunningham was preceded in death by his  
6 parents, Frank and Mabel Cunningham; his nephew, Jeff De  
7 Bruine; and nine cousins with whom he enjoyed close  
8 friendships due to their living on the same block; and

9 WHEREAS, Roger Cunningham is survived by his wife,  
10 Shirley; his sister-in-law and brother-in-law, Ruth and Paul  
11 De Bruine; four nieces; eight grandnieces and grandnephews;  
12 and numerous cousins; 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 Roger Cunningham and extend our sincere condolences to his  
16 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 Roger Cunningham as an expression  
20 of our deepest sympathy.