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1 SENATE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate are saddened 3 to learn of the death of Gary Lee Newlun of North Pekin, who 4 passed away on May 18, 2023; and

WHEREAS, Gary Newlun was born in Pekin to Clarence and Dorothy Newlun on December 20, 1949; he served with the United States Army in Germany between 1969 and 1972; he graduated from Bradley University with a degree in accounting and business administration; and

WHEREAS, Gary Newlun worked as a truck driver for his father's business, Newlun Transport, prior to his military service; afterward, he worked as an accountant in the transportation industry and was most recently employed as a parts delivery driver for O'Reilly Auto Parts; and

WHEREAS, Gary Newlun became a member of Alcoholics Anonymous in 1994 and reaped the benefits of nearly three decades of sobriety; through his years in AA, he helped many people make positive changes in their own lives; while he did not always have a lot, he was always willing to give others what he did have, whether it was a place to live, a ride to a meeting, or the encouraging advice of taking life one day at a time; and

- 1 WHEREAS, Gary Newlun enjoyed woodworking and landscaping;
- 2 and
- 3 WHEREAS, Gary Newlun was preceded in death by his parents;
- 4 his infant brother, Scott; and his infant sister, Sue; and
- 5 WHEREAS, Gary Newlun is survived by his children, Mark
- 6 (Regina) Newlun and Erica (Bradley) Bolton; his grandchildren,
- 7 Mark Jr., Mason, Aric, Aiden, Nicholas, Noah, and Evan Newlun
- 8 and Annaliese, Alexandra, and Adrienne Bolton; and his
- 9 sisters, Judy Smith, Carol Arms, Barbara Angle, and Bonnie
- 10 Beard; therefore, be it
- 11 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL
- 12 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
- 13 Gary Lee Newlun 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 Gary Newlun as an expression of our
- deepest sympathy.