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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 Robert K. "Bob" Cowles of Springfield, who passed away on May 26, 2023; and

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WHEREAS, Bob Cowles was born to William D. and Eloise Cowles in Springfield on November 5, 1947; he graduated from Feitshans High School in 1965; he enlisted in the U.S. Army, serving from 1966 through 1969, during which he was stationed with the 11th Light Infantry Brigade of the Americal Division in Vietnam in 1968 and obtained the rank of staff sergeant; his military decorations included the Combat Infantryman Badge, the Bronze Star, and the Purple Heart; he married Shirley Calhoun in 1970; he graduated from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign in 1974; and

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WHEREAS, Bob Cowles was a licensed professional engineer, working in state government and private practice; he retired in 2008; and

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WHEREAS, Bob Cowles was a member of St. Agnes Church, St. Paul's Lodge No. 500, Valley of Springfield, and Ansar Shrine; he was a past commander of Hayes/Krell Chapter 159 of the Military Order of the Purple Heart and a past senior vice commander of VFW LaFore Lock Post 755; he was also a member of

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1 the Lake Press Club and the Springfield Ski Club;
2 additionally, he served as a referee for high school and
3 competitive soccer for many years; and

4 WHEREAS, Bob Cowles possessed a heart of gold, often
5 either volunteering or donating to charitable causes, and he
6 was known for always lending a helping hand to veterans and
7 friends; and

8 WHEREAS, Bob Cowles was preceded in death by his parents;
9 his brothers, William J. Cowles and John Cowles; and his
10 sister, Bonnie Cowles; and

11 WHEREAS, Bob Cowles is survived by his wife, Shirley; his
12 sons, Jason (Kendra) Cowles and Jamie (Rachael) Cowles; his
13 grandsons, Cullen, Cooper, and Loden Cowles; his
14 granddaughter, Clara Cowles; and several nieces and nephews;
15 therefore, be it

16 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL
17 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
18 Robert K. "Bob" Cowles and extend our sincere condolences to
19 his family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it
20 further

21 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be

1 presented to the family of Bob Cowles as an expression of our
2 deepest sympathy.