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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 Dana Richard Hales, who passed away on August 6, 2023; and

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WHEREAS, Dana Hales was born to Marshall Palmer Hales and Helen (Wilson) Hales in Champaign on March 7, 1950; he graduated from Newman High School in 1968; he received his associate's degree and a certificate in mechanical drafting from Parkland College on June 16, 1970; he married Cathy Carr at the First Christian Church of Newman on August 15, 1970; he attended Eastern Illinois University, where he earned a Bachelor of Science in Education with a concentration in Industrial Arts on March 2, 1973 and his Master of Educational Administration on August 10, 1989; he served in the Illinois National Guard for 23 years, retiring as a major; and

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WHEREAS, Dana Hales taught industrial arts, drafting, woodworking, metalwork, and welding at Homer High School, Newman High School, and Paris High School; he served as principal of Newman High School and Catlin High School; he was also editor-in-chief of The Newman Independent for many years; and

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WHEREAS, Dana Hales was a lifelong member of the First

1 Christian Church of Newman; he ran the longest running
2 adjutant of the Newman American Legion Post and rarely missed
3 a meeting; he was a founding member of the Sons of Union
4 Veterans, Douglas County Chapter; and

5 WHEREAS, Dana Hales loved history, especially anything
6 related to the military; his specialty was the Civil War and
7 World War II; he collected different pieces of military
8 memorabilia from different wars, including bayonets, guns, and
9 various other artifacts; he and other local collectors enjoyed
10 attending different trade shows together to find pieces to add
11 to their respective collections; he loved speaking about
12 history and conducted yearly presentations at Shiloh High
13 School; and

14 WHEREAS, Dana Hales is survived by his wife; his sons,
15 Wade (Amy) Hales and Matt (Danielle Kusman) Hales; his sister,
16 Karen Riddell; his grandchildren, Austin (Katie Queen) Hales,
17 Howard Hales, Hayden Hales, and Kenzie Hales; and his
18 great-granddaughter, Randy Lynn; therefore, be it

19 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL
20 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
21 Dana Richard Hales and extend our sincere condolences to his
22 family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it
23 further

1 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
2 presented to the family of Dana Hales as an expression of our
3 deepest sympathy.