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1 SENATE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate are saddened 3 to learn of the death of Mark Allen Whitbeck of Moline, who 4 passed away on December 7, 2023; and

5 WHEREAS, Mark Whitbeck was born to Theodore and Marillyn 6 (Engvall) Whitbeck in Quonset Point, Rhode Island on January 7 23, 1955; he served in the U.S. Air Force; he was previously 8 married to Susan Hansen and met his long-time partner, Kathy 9 Umstattd, in 2004; and

- 10 WHEREAS, Mark Whitbeck worked for the Rock Island County
 11 Sheriff's Department for over two decades; and
- 12 WHEREAS, Mark Whitbeck was an avid angler who loved the 13 art of fishing; he was a committed fan of the St. Louis Cardinals and Chicago Bears; he was an animal lover who found 14 15 delight in the company of his pets and his granddogs; he had a great sense of humor and an infectious laugh and was the 16 steadfast pillar of his family; he will be remembered for his 17 18 legacy of love, laughter, dedication, and unyielding commitment to those he held dear; and 19
- 20 WHEREAS, Mark Whitbeck was preceded in death by his 21 parents and his brother-in-law, Fernando Patino; and

- 1 WHEREAS, Mark Whitbeck is survived by his partner, Kathy;
- 2 his daughter, Victoria (fiance, Jared Smet) Umstattd; his
- 3 granddaughters, Cali, Aubrey, Avreigh, and Kinsley; his
- 4 sisters, Christi Steiner and Laura (Oscar) Rico; his uncle,
- 5 Tom Engvall; his nieces and nephews, Joel (Shelly) Vroman,
- 6 Vanessa (Brian) DeRiemacker, Anthony Patino, and Emmanda
- 7 (Adam) Merrill; his great-nephews, Devon and Garrett; and a
- 8 host of cousins and friends; therefore, be it
- 9 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL
- 10 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
- 11 Mark Allen Whitbeck and extend our sincere condolences to his
- 12 family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it
- 13 further
- 14 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
- presented to the family of Mark Whitbeck as an expression of
- our deepest sympathy.