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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 Ray "Bob" Holmes Sr., who passed away on April 24, 2024; and

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WHEREAS, Bob Holmes was born to Lowell Ray and Julia Savanna (Newell) Holmes in rural Creal Springs on March 2, 1942; he married Geraldine "Geri" Lucas on May 3, 1963, and she preceded him in death on September 6, 2007; he later married Gailene "Gail" Harrelson on July 23, 2021; and

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WHEREAS, Bob Holmes worked for the City of Harrisburg Water Department before serving as road commissioner for Harrisburg Township for eight years; he also formerly worked for the Peabody Coal Company; and

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WHEREAS, Bob Holmes served his community as a volunteer fireman for 43 years and as chairman for the Saline County Republican Committee; he was a booster of local athletics, volunteering for Harrisburg Youth Athletics by building athletic facilities, and the annual River-to-River Road Race; and

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WHEREAS, Bob Holmes was a member of McKinley Avenue Baptist Church, Quails Unlimited, and the Harrisburg Masonic

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1 Lodge #325, where he was a 32nd Degree Mason; and

2 WHEREAS, Bob Holmes was an avid hunter and outdoorsman,
3 and he enjoyed spending hours in the field hunting whitetail
4 deer or following behind his bird dogs; and

5 WHEREAS, Bob Holmes will be remembered for being loyal,
6 honest, and community-minded; and

7 WHEREAS, Bob Holmes was preceded in death by his parents;
8 his stepson, Troy Don Harrelson; his great-grandson, Michael
9 Robert Holmes; his grandson-in-law, Gonzalo Sabogal; and his
10 sister, Delia Alice "Deed" (Jean) Hollerson; and

11 WHEREAS, Bob Holmes is survived by his wife, Gail
12 Harrelson-Holmes; his children, Robert Ray (Joanne) Holmes Jr.
13 and Trena Lynn (Brent) Black; his stepchildren, Christina Ann
14 (Larry) Wheeler and Robert Glenn Harrelson; his
15 stepdaughter-in-law, Marie Harrelson; his grandchildren,
16 Rebecca, Amanda, Trenton, Sophia, Travis, Olivia, Colton,
17 Sheree, Dylan, Nicholas, Chelsea, Jacob, Tyler, and Angelica;
18 his great-grandchildren, Paizlee, Adilyn, Harper, Gianella,
19 Gunner, Lucas, Adien, Wallen, Arthur, and Connor; his
20 siblings, William Holmes, Betty (John) Parton, and Gary (Kim)
21 Holmes; and several nieces and nephews; therefore, be it

1 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL
2 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
3 Robert Ray "Bob" Holmes Sr. and extend our sincere condolences
4 to his family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be
5 it further

6 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
7 presented to the family of Bob Holmes as an expression of our
8 deepest sympathy.