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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 Rev. Dr. Dan Smith of New Haven, Missouri, who passed away on September 29, 2023; and

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WHEREAS, Rev. Smith, the son of Edward and Bette Smith, was born in Connersville, Indiana on June 21, 1956; he received his bachelor's degree from Indiana University and his Master of Divinity from Methodist Theological Seminary in Ohio; he later earned his doctorate from Western Theological Seminary in Holland, Michigan in 2011; and

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WHEREAS, Rev. Smith served as a Methodist minister for 20 years before joining the United Church of Christ (UCC); at the time of his passing, he was serving at St. Peter's UCC in New Haven, Missouri; and

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WHEREAS, Rev. Smith loved taking rides on his Harley-Davidson, and he was part of various Harley-Davidson riding groups; he also enjoyed playing the drums, listening to classic rock and roll, reading a good book, and watching movies; and

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WHEREAS, Rev. Smith was devoted to his family, and he always made sure to stay in touch by phone or text; he never

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1 knew a stranger and would do anything to help someone in need;
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3 WHEREAS, Rev. Smith was the father of Micah Smith, the
4 brother of Sande (Smith) and Randy Hardy, and the uncle of
5 several nieces and nephews; therefore, be it

6 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL
7 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
8 Rev. Dr. Dan Smith and extend our sincere condolences to his
9 family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it
10 further

11 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
12 presented to the family of Rev. Smith as an expression of our
13 deepest sympathy.