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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 John "Bob" Gushanas of Colona, who passed away on July 1, 2024; and

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WHEREAS, Bob Gushanas, the son of Eli and Alice Pederson Gushanas, was born in Rock Island on January 22, 1946; he graduated from Rock Island High School in 1964; he served in the U.S. Army during the Vietnam Conflict, where he was stationed at the demilitarized zone in Korea from 1965 to 1967; he was honorably discharged in 1968; he married Diane Steffen in Cambridge on September 26, 1970; and

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WHEREAS, Bob Gushanas worked at John Deere Harvester Works for 43 years, retiring in 2005; and

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WHEREAS, Bob Gushanas was a member the Korean War Vets, having served as state president of Illinois; he was a past commander of the Colona American Legion, where he was a member of the Honor Guard Team; he also belonged to the Bi-County Memorial Association of the Rock Island Arsenal; and

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WHEREAS, Bob Gushanas enjoyed bowling, fishing, boating, playing chess, and collecting coins; he was a proud blood donor who donated over 10 gallons of blood; his greatest joy

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1 was spending time with his grandchildren; and

2 WHEREAS, Bob Gushanas was preceded in death by his
3 parents; and

4 WHEREAS, Bob Gushanas is survived by his wife of 53 years,
5 Diane; his sons, Erik Gushanas and Cory (Amy) Gushanas; five
6 grandchildren; one step-grandson; and his siblings, Daniel
7 (Judy) Gushanas and Ann Edwards; therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL
9 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
10 Robert John "Bob" Gushanas and extend our sincere condolences
11 to his family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be
12 it further

13 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
14 presented to the family of Bob Gushanas as an expression of our
15 deepest sympathy.