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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 Thomas J. "Tom" Roger, who passed away on October 1, 2024; and

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WHEREAS, Tom Roger was born to Edward and Mary (Boehle) Roger in Peoria on February 17, 1942; he attended Mid County Schools, graduating in 1960; he served in the U.S. Army from 1964 to 1966, during which he was stationed in Vietnam from 1965 to 1966; and

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WHEREAS, Tom Roger worked for the Marshall County Highway Department for 42 years, retiring in 2004; and

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WHEREAS, Tom Roger was a founding member of the Chillicothe Recreational Area, and he was also a member of the Peoria Barbershop Society Chorus; and

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WHEREAS, Tom Roger helped start the Lacon Merchants fast-pitch softball team in the 1970s, leading the team through many names, including the Lacon Merchants, Blarney Castle, and the Lacon Bombers, before finally merging with Two Brothers Tap; and

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WHEREAS, Tom Roger enjoyed snowmobiling, and he was a fan

1 of the Green Bay Packers and the University of Illinois; and

2 WHEREAS, Tom Roger was preceded in death by his parents;  
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4 WHEREAS, Tom Roger is survived by his siblings, Anne (Bob  
5 Haas) Roger, Charlie (Lori) Roger, John Roger, and Bill Roger;  
6 his niece, Katherine (Scott Schwartz) Roger; and his nephew,  
7 Jonathan Roger; 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 Thomas J. "Tom" Roger and extend our sincere condolences to  
11 his family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it  
12 further

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