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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate are deeply
3 saddened to learn of the death of Richard Joseph "Rick" Steger
4 of East Moline, who passed away on September 18, 2012; and

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WHEREAS, Richard Steger was born on June 12, 1953, in Rock
6 Island to Valentine and Dorothy Gibbons Steger; he graduated
7 from Western Illinois University and served in the U.S. Air
8 Force during the Vietnam War; he married Elizabeth Kurtz
9 Perreira on April 23, 2005, in Rock Island; he was a welder at
10 John Deere Harvester Works in East Moline for 36 years; he
11 retired in 2009; and

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WHEREAS, Richard Steger was a past Chef De Gare and a 23
13 year member of 40 and 8 Voiture 433 in Annawan, a member of the
14 Colona American Legion, Ex-Servicemen's Club, and UAW Local
15 865; he enjoyed camping, showing his classic El Caminos and
16 driving them in parades for political campaigns, spending time
17 with his daughters and grandchildren, and was a "jack of all
18 trades" except plumbing; and

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WHEREAS, Richard Steger was preceded in death by his
20 parents, Valentine and Dorothy Gibbons Steger; his brother,
21 Fred Steger and his wife, Barbara; and

1 WHEREAS, Richard Steger is survived by his wife, Liz
2 Steger; his daughters, Carey (Allen) Mayer and Valerie Kate
3 Steger; his step-son, Dan (Monica) Perreira; his
4 grandchildren, Conrad and Katherine Mayer and Salina, Leilana,
5 and Maile Perreira; his siblings, La Vaun (Gerry) Davis, Mike
6 (Pat) Steger, Tim (Patsy) Steger, and Linda (Jim) Bussey;
7 therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL
9 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
10 Richard Steger, and we extend our sincere condolences to his
11 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 Richard Steger as an expression of
15 our deepest sympathy.