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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 Charles "Tom" Marx of Quincy, who passed away on November 10, 2024; and

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WHEREAS, Tom Marx was born in Hannibal, Missouri to Edward and Margaret Barnes Marx on June 9, 1950; he graduated from Hull High School and attended Gem City Business College; he married Kathie Myers in Quincy on August 2, 1980; and

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WHEREAS, Tom Marx began selling fireworks with his dad when he was in 5th grade at a stand in Oakwood, Missouri, and following his passion, he turned the small fireworks stand into the country's largest fireworks superstore located in Hannibal; and

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WHEREAS, Tom Marx was an astute businessman and developer and considered all of his employees to be part of his family; he brought Staples to Quincy, beginning the Marx Commercial Development, and revitalized the Steamboat Bend Shopping Center in Hannibal; he loved to beautify and make properties thrive; and

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WHEREAS, Tom Marx was a drummer and loved rock and roll music; Journey was one of his favorite bands; he took great joy

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1 in taking his family and friends to concerts to experience and
2 enjoy live music together; and

3 WHEREAS, Tom Marx was devoted to his family; he had many
4 close friends and business friends; he was kind, caring, and
5 quietly generous; and

6 WHEREAS, Tom Marx was preceded in death by his parents;
7 his son, Joshua "Josh" Marx; and his father-in-law and
8 mother-in-law, Jim and Dorothy Myers; and

9 WHEREAS, Tom Marx is survived by his wife, Kathie; his
10 brother, Mike Marx; his sister-in-law, Karrie (Craig) Smith;
11 his nephews, Tory and Tyler (Devon) Kaufmann; his great-nieces
12 and great-nephews, Peyton, August, Vada, and Fia Kaufmann; and
13 many friends; therefore, be it

14 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL
15 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
16 Charles "Tom" Marx and extend our sincere condolences to his
17 family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it
18 further

19 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
20 presented to the family of Tom Marx as an expression of our
21 deepest sympathy.