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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 Michael Thomas "Mike" Sierra of Peoria, who passed away on November 9, 2024; and

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WHEREAS, Mike Sierra was born in East Moline to Julien Terronez Sierra and Kathleen (Reyes) Sierra on August 7, 1948; he graduated from the Spalding Institute in Peoria in 1966 and received his Bachelor of Arts from Sangamon State University (University of Illinois Springfield); and

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WHEREAS, Mike Sierra was the stage manager for the Peoria Symphony Orchestra for three seasons and served as staff assistant to U.S. Senator Adlai Stevenson III in his Springfield office; he retired from the State of Illinois Guardianship and Advocacy Commission after 23 years, rising to the position of regional administration manager for the Peoria area; and

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WHEREAS, Mike Sierra loved and valued friends and family above all; he enjoyed playing tennis, softball, baseball, and swimming; he attended various concerts and theater performances throughout Peoria; he was a Civil War buff and visited numerous battlefields throughout the country; a lifelong learner, he attended numerous Osher Lifelong Learning

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1 Institutes classes at Bradley University; he was a fan of the
2 Chicago White Sox throughout his entire life; and

3 WHEREAS, Mike Sierra was preceded in death by his parents
4 and his brother, Joseph; and

5 WHEREAS, Mike Sierra is survived by his daughter, Melissa
6 Sierra (Dan Johnston); his sisters, Marty (Ed) Sierra Perry,
7 Stephanie (Tom) Sierra Theado, Mary Sierra, Rebecca Sierra,
8 and Lisa (Rick) Campbell; his brothers, Jerome (Linda) Sierra,
9 Timothy (Rita) Sierra, and Julien Sierra; and many nieces and
10 nephews; therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL
12 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
13 Michael Thomas "Mike" Sierra and extend our sincere
14 condolences to his family, friends, and all who knew and loved
15 him; and be it further

16 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
17 presented to the family of Mike Sierra as an expression of our
18 deepest sympathy.