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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 Joseph L. "Joe" Adler of Joliet, who passed away on June 9, 2018; and

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WHEREAS, Joe Adler was born to Joseph L. and Rachel Marie (Heintz) Adler on August 30, 1930; he attended St. Raymond Grade School, Joliet Catholic High School, and the University of Notre Dame; he served in the United States Air Force at Dow Air Force Base in Bangor, Maine and Misawa Air Force Base in Misawa, Japan; he married Jodie Biddle in 1952; and

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WHEREAS, Joe Adler was past president of the J.L. Adler Roofing and Sheet Metal Company; founded in 1926, it is now a 4th generation company, with his three sons, three grandsons, and a granddaughter continuing the tradition of professional roofing and sheet metal work in Joliet and the northern Illinois area; and

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WHEREAS, Joe Adler was a past president of the Chicago Roofing Contractors Association, past board member of the Vilaseca Day Care Center and the Boys and Girls Club of Joliet, and a founding member of the Will County Habitat for Humanity, the Spanish Community Center of Joliet, and the University of Notre Dame Senior Alumni Board; and

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1 WHEREAS, Joe Adler and his wife were members of the Sacred
2 Heart Parish Community in Joliet; during the winter months,
3 they attended Mary Mother of Jesus Inclusive Catholic Community
4 in Sarasota, Florida; and

5 WHEREAS, Joe Adler and his wife were regional directors of
6 the Christian Family Movement; they founded the Will County
7 Conference on Religion and Race and the Spanish Community
8 Center, for which they received recognition by the State of
9 Illinois Senate for their work; they were members of the
10 Chicago Catholic Jewish Dialogue Partnership and founded the
11 Nationwide Tip the Maids Movement and the Young Christian
12 Nurse's Movement; and

13 WHEREAS, Joe Adler was an avid sports fan; he built shrines
14 for the Cubs and Notre Dame; one of his favorite treats was
15 sharing a ball game with his sons, grandchildren, and sister;
16 he loved Notre Dame and felt that the values of Notre Dame went
17 far beyond football; and

18 WHEREAS, Joe Adler was preceded in death by his wife,
19 Jodie; his parents; his infant daughter, Margaret Mary; his
20 son, Michael; and his brother, Jack (Dorothy) Adler; and

21 WHEREAS, Joe Adler was a loving father, foster father,

1 grandfather, and great-grandfather to Dan Adler and family -
2 Jake (Megan) and son, Julian, Rachel (Robert) Ayoung Chee and
3 two sons, Evan and Ian, Emma, Josh, and Nathan; Teddy (Ray)
4 Finney and family - Bridget (Brad) Thomas and their daughters,
5 Izzy and Ellie, Emily (Nanasei) Agyemang and their sons,
6 Quentin, Finney, and Akosah, Jenna (Brian) Murphy and their
7 children, Mary, Michael, and Bridget, Lily Saavedra White
8 (Chris) and their children, Eric, Jessica, and C.J., and Beth
9 (Jack) McGrath; Jackie (Sam) Tucci and family - Sam IV (Andrea)
10 and their son, Sam V, Tony, Jeff (Annika) Tucci and their son,
11 Peter; Chris (Lori) Adler and family - Meghan (AJ) Vivaldelli
12 and their daughter Elizabeth, Matt (Katie), CJ, and Sarah; the
13 late Mike (Joanne) Adler and family - Kelly (Eric) Mutch, Mike
14 (Caitlin) and their children, Benjamin and Caroline, Erin
15 (Dave) Skaggs and their daughter, Sophia, and Collin (Gail);
16 and Jay (Patty) Adler and family - Jenny, Joe IV (Elisabeth)
17 and their sons, Joseph V and Caleb and Jon (Amber); foster
18 children, Mardo Caceres and Joy Basilisco and her son, Aaron;
19 Joe was also blessed with one sister, Mary Beth (the late Dr.
20 Arthur) Wilhelmi, brother-in-law, Fr. Ward Biddle,
21 sisters-in-law, Jackie (late John) Berg and Ed Smith, and Mimi
22 (late John) Aisthorpe; Joe was an inspirational uncle to
23 numerous nieces and nephews; therefore, be it

24 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDREDTH GENERAL
25 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of

1 Joseph L. "Joe" Adler, and extend our sincere condolences to
2 his family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it
3 further

4 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
5 presented to the family of Joe Adler as an expression of our
6 deepest sympathy.