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1 SENATE RESOLUTION

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2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate are saddened to 3 learn of the death of Arthur John "Artie" Creaney, who passed 4 away on May 18, 2019; and

5 WHEREAS, Artie Creaney was born in Chicago to Arthur and 6 Annamary Creaney on June 4, 1951; he attended St. Gilbert 7 Catholic School and graduated from Warren Township High School 8 in 1969; he married Nancy Kolar at Gurnee Community Church on 9 July 27, 1979; and

WHEREAS, Artie Creaney retired in 2011 as a superintendent with Curran Contracting of Crystal Lake, after over 25 years of service; he was a member of International Union of Operating Engineers Local 150; and

WHEREAS, Artie Creaney was a talented musician and taught himself to play guitar at a young age; he played and sang in the local bands Sherry and Wine, Promise, Rosewood, and The Roadshow Band with his brother Michael; he also sang in the choir at Gurnee Community Church; and

WHEREAS, After retirement, Artie Creaney and Nancy moved to South Carolina, where they enjoyed volunteering for Family Promise of Anderson; Artie joined a local band, Juke Box 45,

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- 1 and played in the Praise Band at Trinity United Methodist
- 2 Church; he also mentored young musicians; and
- 3 WHEREAS, Artie Creaney was a devoted grandfather, friend,
- 4 and lifelong fan of the Green Bay Packers; and
- 5 WHEREAS, Artie Creaney was preceded in death by his
- 6 parents; his sister, Carol Jean Nerroth; his sister-in-law,
- 7 Sandy; and his niece, Christine Creaney; and
- 8 WHEREAS, Artie Creaney is survived by his wife of 39 years,
- 9 Nancy; his children, Theresa Oakes (Brett), Tracy Scholl (Ben),
- 10 and Greg Powroznik (Pam); his adopted daughter, AmyLynn
- 11 Creaney; his grandchildren, Aidan and Andrew Scholl and Leo
- Oakes; his four godchildren; his sisters, Patricia Bueltmann
- 13 (George) and Kathleen "KC" Dieck (Mick); his brothers, William
- 14 (Lorraine), Michael (Nancy Rieger), James (Kim), Rory
- 15 (Glenna), and Robert Creaney; his brother-in-law, George
- 16 Nerroth; his mother-in-law, Mary Kolar Mathews; his
- 17 brothers-in-law, Tom (Donna), Dan (Linda), and Joe Kolar; and
- 18 many aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, great-nieces,
- 19 great-nephews, cousins, and friends; therefore, be it
- 20 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL
- 21 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
- 22 Arthur John "Artie" Creaney and extend our sincere condolences

- 1 to his family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be
- 2 it further
- 3 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
- 4 presented to the family of Artie Creaney as an expression of
- 5 our deepest sympathy.