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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 Levon Demerdjian of Oak Park, who passed away on May 17, 2017; and

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WHEREAS, Levon Demerdjian was born in Beirut, Lebanon, where his family settled after fleeing the Armenian genocide; as a teenager, he made his way to the United States through Canada, intent on furthering his education by enrolling in an engineering program at what is now the University of Illinois at Chicago; and

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WHEREAS, Levon Demerdjian soon teamed up with his brother, Arsen, to run authentic Armenian restaurants; the first of the restaurants - all called Sayat Nova - was on Sheridan Road near Loyola University's Lake Shore Campus; the second still operates on Ohio Street off Michigan Avenue; the third in Des Plaines; and

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WHEREAS, Levon Demerdjian first venture was the Auto Grill, which opened in 1964 and operated for two years; and

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WHEREAS, Levon Demerdjian was preceded in death by his wife, Marjorie, and his brother, Arsen Demirdjian; and

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1           WHEREAS, Levon Demerdjian is survived by his son, Raffi;  
2           his daughters, Tania, Nadia, and Tamara; a granddaughter; and  
3           his brother, Dr. Armen Demerdjian; therefore, be it

4           RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDREDTH GENERAL  
5           ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of  
6           Levon Demerdjian, and extend our sincere condolences to his  
7           family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it  
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9           RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
10          presented to the family of Levon Demerdjian as an expression of  
11          our deepest sympathy.