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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 Miller Morrissey of Godfrey, who passed away on November 15, 2017; and

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WHEREAS, Michael Morrissey was born in Alton to Edmund Miller and Therese (Trixie) Louise Morrissey on June 17, 1951; he graduated from Alton High School in 1969 and married Linda Newby on April 1, 1970; he earned a degree in Business Administration from the University of Miami in 1973; and

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WHEREAS, Michael Morrissey followed in his father's footsteps and was an entrepreneur; he opened Morrissey Construction Company of Missouri, an extension of his family's business, Morrissey Construction Company, in 1973; he was instrumental in developing the first condominium conversion project along the Lake of the Ozarks; upon successful completion of this project, he returned home to assist in the cultivation and growth of Morrissey Construction Company; he became President of Morrissey Construction Company in 2010 and served in this role until his passing; and

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WHEREAS, Michael Morrissey oversaw and participated in the completion of more than 15,000 housing units, retail outlets, churches, schools, institutional facilities for the

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1 developmentally disabled, and law enforcement headquarters;
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3 WHEREAS, Michael Morrissey had a love for all things St.
4 Louis, fishing, and coins; he shared these interests with his
5 friends and loved ones, and he often commemorated the important
6 dates of his family and friends by giving rare coins; he loved
7 vacationing, particularly to locations that included a beach
8 with a deep-sea fishing boat harbor nearby; he attended many
9 Cardinals and Rams games, including when they played in the
10 World Series and Superbowl; and

11 WHEREAS, Michael Morrissey rarely missed an opportunity to
12 cheer those he loved; he made frequent doughnut deliveries to
13 his grandchildren's homes on weekend mornings; his infectious
14 and fun personality was highlighted when he was surrounded by
15 his loved ones; his kindness, patience, and empathy will be
16 greatly missed and forever remembered; and

17 WHEREAS, Michael Morrissey was preceded in death by his
18 parents; his father-in-law, Bill Newby; his mother-in-law,
19 Betty Newby; his brother-in-law, Michael Newby; and his
20 sister-in-law, Theresa Harpole; and

21 WHEREAS, Michael Morrissey is survived by his wife, Linda;
22 his children, Michael Jr. (Amanda), Vanessa (Randy) Bassett,

1 and Ryan (Sara); his grandchildren, Konnor, Kollin, Karson,
2 Kooper, Madison Bassett, Isabelle Bassett, Shane, Caroline,
3 and Vivienne; his siblings, Ed Jr. (Patty), Barbara (Michael)
4 McGrew, Tom (Laurie), Jim, Joe, John, Teri (Dean) Holland, Dan
5 (Kimara), Patrick, and Kathy (Kurt) Brandt; his sisters and
6 brothers-in-law, Patti (Frank) Hughes, Noreen Newcome Newby,
7 Kathy (Terry) Bristow, Nancy (John) Magurany, William (Anna)
8 Newby, and Randy (Guillermo) Newby; therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDREDTH GENERAL
10 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
11 Michael Miller Morrissey and extend our sincere condolences to
12 his family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it
13 further

14 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
15 presented to the family of Michael Morrissey as an expression
16 of our deepest sympathy.