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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 Marvin "Marv" Harold Abrahamson, who passed away on August 28, 2018 at the age of 93; and

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WHEREAS, Marv Abrahamson was born to Lillian and Joseph Abrahamson on March 13, 1925; the youngest of four children, he grew up in South Austin at Adams and Central; he attended Robert Emmett Elementary School and Austin High School, where he played guard on the varsity basketball team and graduated in 1943; after a semester at Wilbur Wright Junior College, he enlisted in the United States Navy; he served honorably in the Pacific and returned home in 1946; and

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WHEREAS, Marv Abrahamson joined his father and brother, Elmer, in the family furrier business on Madison and Mayfield Streets; in the 1950s, the fur salon moved to 122 North Marion in Oak Park, where it remained well into the 21st century; in 1978, a third generation was welcomed into Abrahamson's Furs, when Marv's son, Bruce, joined the business; and

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WHEREAS, Marv Abrahamson was a proud Chicagoan and Oak Parker and was a member of the Oak Park River Forest Rotary and the Oak Park Tennis Club, where he was noted for his "deftness at switching the racket to his other hand and scoring at the

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1 net"; he loved basketball and was a Chicago Bulls season ticket
2 holder for nearly half a century; he supported the Hephzibah
3 Children's Association and the Southern Poverty Law Center; and

4 WHEREAS, Marv Abrahamson was considered the unofficial
5 "Mayor of Marion Street" and encouraged other business owners
6 in the area as they built their businesses; always caring and
7 smiling, he was a regular at Kevil's Restaurant in Forest Park,
8 where patrons looked forward to seeing him and Mary Ann;
9 affectionately known as "The High Roller," he also enjoyed
10 trips to Las Vegas with other store owners; and

11 WHEREAS, Marv Abrahamson was preceded in death by his
12 parents; his brothers, Elmer and Melvin; and his sister,
13 Sylvia; and

14 WHEREAS, Marv Abrahamson is survived by his companion of
15 nearly 40 years, Mary Ann Jurgus; his sons, Bruce and Terry;
16 his daughter-in-law, Vicki Lafer Abrahamson; his son-in-law,
17 David Branch; his grandsons, Joey, Sam, and Jake; and his
18 granddaughters, Charlotte and Jenny; therefore, be it

19 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDREDTH GENERAL
20 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
21 Marvin "Marv" Harold Abrahamson and extend our sincere
22 condolences to his family, friends, and all who knew and loved

1 him; and be it further

2 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
3 presented to the family of Marv Abrahamson as an expression of
4 our deepest sympathy.