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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 Nikola "Nick" Kovacevic of Grayslake, who passed away on November 1, 2019; and

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WHEREAS, Nick Kovacevic was born to Frank and Amanda (Vrkljan) Kovacevic in 1927 in the small village of Vranik, Lika-Senj County, Croatia; he grew up on the family farm with his parents and siblings; after mandatory service in the JNA Army, he fled to Austria; after locating long lost relatives in the U.S., he immigrated to America in 1959; and

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WHEREAS, Nick Kovacevic met fellow Croatian immigrant Marija "Mary" Bobic at a Baptism celebration hosted by mutual friends; they married in April of 1968 and settled in North Chicago, eventually moving to Grayslake; and

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WHEREAS, Nick Kovacevic retired from Abbott Laboratories in 1991 with over 30 years of service; he and his wife worked tirelessly at their jobs and at an apartment building they purchased to make a better life for themselves and their two children; and

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WHEREAS, Nick Kovacevic loved his vegetable garden, often sharing the tomatoes and peppers with friends and neighbors; he

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1 was a long-standing member of the American Croatian Waukegan
2 Tamburitzans and Croatian Fraternal Union Lodge 848, where he
3 served as lodge secretary for many years; and

4 WHEREAS, Nick Kovacevic was preceded in death by his wife,
5 Marija; and

6 WHEREAS, Nick Kovacevic is survived by his son, John
7 Kovacevic; his daughter, Mary Kovacevic (Scott Beam); his
8 grandson, Robert Nicholas; his sisters, Marija (Robert)
9 Asbille and Kata Sikic; and many nieces and nephews; therefore,
10 be it

11 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL
12 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
13 Nikola "Nick" Kovacevic and extend our sincere condolences to
14 his family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it
15 further

16 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
17 presented to the family of Nick Kovacevic as an expression of
18 our deepest sympathy.