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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 Edmund Raymond "Zeke" Bratkowski of Santa Rosa Beach, Florida, who passed away on November 11, 2019; and

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WHEREAS, Zeke Bratkowski was born in Westville to Kasmer and Elizabeth Kraninock Bratkowski on October 20, 1931; he served in the United States Air Force as an aircraft pilot and played college football for the University of Georgia; and

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WHEREAS, Zeke Bratkowski played for 14 years in the National Football League as a quarterback for the Los Angeles Rams, the Chicago Bears, and the Green Bay Packers; he was a two-time Super Bowl champion and a three-time National Football Conference champion; and

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WHEREAS, Zeke Bratkowski was inducted into the University of Georgia Hall of Fame, the University of Georgia Circle of Honor, the Florida Georgia Hall of Fame, the Green Bay Packers Hall of Fame, and the National Polish-American Sports Hall of Fame; and

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WHEREAS, Zeke Bratkowski was a devoted husband, father, grandfather, and great-grandfather; and

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1           WHEREAS, Zeke Bratkowski was preceded in death by his  
2 parents and his son, Stephen Bratkowski; and

3           WHEREAS, Zeke Bratkowski is survived by his wife, Mary  
4 Elizabeth Bratkowski; his son, Bob (Rebecca) Bratkowski; his  
5 daughter, Kathryn Bratkowski; his sister, Patricia Stitt; his  
6 grandchildren, Shane Bratkowski, Nicolas Bratkowski, and  
7 Courtney (Chip) Cowan; and his great-grandchildren, Leo,  
8 Violet, Parker, Charleigh, Quinn, and Paige; therefore, be it

9           RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL  
10 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of  
11 Edmund Raymond "Zeke" Bratkowski and extend our sincere  
12 condolences to his family, friends, and all who knew and loved  
13 him; and be it further

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