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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 Mark L. Dames of Joliet, who passed away on February 8, 2020; and

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WHEREAS, Mark Dames was born to Fred C. and Louise (Wilhemi) Dames on July 19, 1932; he was raised in Joliet; he attended St. John Catholic Grade School and St. Raymond Catholic Grade School; he graduated from Joliet Township High School in 1950; he graduated from Joliet Junior College and Worsham College of Mortuary Science; he served in the U.S. Air Force during the Korean War, serving in Japan and Korea from 1952 to 1956; and

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WHEREAS, Following his military service, Mark Dames went to work with his father and brother at the Fred C. Dames Funeral Home & Crematory; after his father's untimely death in 1962, he and his brother assumed responsibility for the business; he worked as a funeral director until his retirement; and

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WHEREAS, Mark Dames was involved in a number of organizations, including the Benevolent and Protective Order of the Elks #296, the Cantigny Post VFW #367, the Harwood Post American Legion #5, the Knights of Columbus Council #4400 as a 4th Degree Knight, and the Illinois Funeral Directors

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1 Association, which honored him with a 50-year award; he was a
2 former member of the Knights of Columbus Council #382, the
3 Joliet Noon Lions, and the Exchange Club; he was proud to be
4 selected for a Veterans Honor Flight to Washington D.C. on
5 August 10, 2016; and

6 WHEREAS, Mark Dames relished spending time with his family;
7 he also enjoyed traveling across the U.S. and overseas
8 alongside his wife, walking and collecting shells on Siesta Key
9 Beach in Florida, eating, drinking, dancing, laughing, and
10 telling jokes; he was known for being able to recall the name
11 and details of everyone he met; and

12 WHEREAS, Mark Dames was preceded in death by his parents;
13 his sisters, Joan Dames and Marilyn (Ray) Offerman; his
14 brother, Joel L. (Arlene) Dames; and his brothers-in-law, Jerry
15 Orzech and Richard Brady; and

16 WHEREAS, Mark Dames is survived by his wife of 59 years,
17 Sharon A. (Healy) Dames; his sons, Jeffrey M. (Tina) Dames,
18 Brian L. (Shelley) Dames, and Fred J. (Theresa) Dames; his
19 daughter, Melissa "Missy" Dames; his grandchildren, Lexie
20 Dames, Jeffrey Dames Jr., Sarah (Nick) Holloway, Shannon
21 (Grant) Simotes, Shaun Dames, Mark Dames, Julia Dames, and
22 Taryn Skoumal; his stepgrandchildren, Heather (Jose) Flores
23 and Joshua Stroh; his step-great-granddaughter, Hailey Wong;

1 and his sisters, Paula Brady and Gervaise Orzech; his numerous
2 nieces, nephews, cousins, special friends, and countless
3 surviving client families; therefore, be it

4 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL
5 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
6 Mark L. Dames and extend our sincere condolences to his family,
7 friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it further

8 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
9 presented to the family of Mark Dames as an expression of our
10 deepest sympathy.