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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 Louis Peter "Lou" Cipparrone, who passed away on November 17, 2019 at the age of 88; and

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WHEREAS, Lou Cipparrone was born to Peter and Angela Cipparrone in Chicago on June 14, 1931, Flag Day, a birthday that suited him because he loved our nation's flag; and

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WHEREAS, Lou Cipparrone grew up in Chicago's Little Italy neighborhood with his siblings, Bill, Gene, and Rose; he graduated from Crane Tech High School and became a pharmacy apprentice before being drafted in 1951 to serve as an army medic during the Korean War; and

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WHEREAS, Lou Cipparrone worked alongside his fellow servicemen in the 4076 MASH Unit, the Mobile Army Surgical Hospital that was the inspiration for the television series M*A*S*H; he worked fearlessly and courageously throughout his career as a medic and became a hero and a healer; he was able to share the wisdom of his service with his children and his grandchildren; and

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WHEREAS, Lou Cipparrone met Joann Greene, and soon their romance turned into a wedding; they were married on August 31,

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1 1959; together, they raised their five children in Oak Park,
2 where Lou would stay for the remainder of his life; and

3 WHEREAS, Lou Cipparrone and Joann Green Cipparrone had five
4 beautiful children, Mickie, Louie, Cathy, Debbie, and Pete; he
5 was loved dearly by his 14 grandchildren, who were his world
6 and who he thought were "terrific" at whatever they did; he
7 never ceased telling them they were deeply loved; and

8 WHEREAS, Lou Cipparrone was an exceptionally dedicated
9 family man; every Sunday night for nearly 30 years, he and
10 Joann hosted their famous family dinner; and

11 WHEREAS, Lou Cipparrone was known on the 800 block of
12 Forest Avenue because of his zeal for holiday decorations; he
13 was enthusiastic not only about holiday decorations but also
14 about flying the American flag, both on holidays and whenever
15 it pleased him; and

16 WHEREAS, Lou Cipparrone was a master handyman who had a
17 sharp mind; he was a dedicated employee at the Louis Zahn Drug
18 Company for 31 years; he will be dearly missed by family and
19 friends; and

20 WHEREAS, Lou Cipparrone was preceded in death by his
21 parents, Peter and Angeline Cipparrone; his brother, Eugene;

1 and his brother-in-law, Darrill (Brenda) Greene; and

2 WHEREAS, Lou Cipparrone is survived by his wife, Joann; his
3 children, Mickie (Chuck) Kerr, Louis Jr. (Carolyn), Cathy,
4 Debbie (John) Figel, and Pete (Kris); his grandchildren, Danny,
5 Kristen, Michael (Jane), Johnny, Micheline, Meghan, Tommy,
6 Louie, Lizzie, Sam, Claire, Kate, Joe, and Grace; his siblings,
7 Bill (the late Shirley) and Rose (Jerry) Mele; his
8 brothers-in-law, Tom (Jayne) Greene and Larry (Aiko) Greene;
9 and many nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends; therefore, be
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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 Louis Peter "Lou" Cipparrone and extend our sincere condolences
14 to his family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be
15 it further

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