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SENATE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate are saddened 3 to learn of the death of Peter John Pasquel of Peoria, who 4 passed away on July 30, 2021; and

WHEREAS, Peter Pasquel was born in Peoria on May 9, 1940 and adopted by Helene (Stenstrom) and George O. Pasquel; he attended the primary school at St. Thomas parish and the Spalding Academy; he received his Bachelor of Arts from Bradley University and served in the Illinois National Guard for six years, with active duty on the streets of Chicago during the tumultuous 1960s; he married Rose Marie Ramos on April 11, 1964; and

WHEREAS, Peter Pasquel worked at George O. Pasquel Co., a wholesale commercial food and equipment business, for approximately 60 years; he was an extraordinary salesman, and there was no customer, large or small, who did not get his full attention; his work was his joy, his love, and his hobby; and

WHEREAS, Peter Pasquel was a devoted community activist and served on several non-profit boards, including the OSF HealthCare Foundation and the Center for the Prevention of Abuse; he served on the commissions for several sheriffs and was honored to be inducted into the African American Hall of

- 1 Fame Museum in Peoria; and
- 2 WHEREAS, Peter Pasquel enjoyed the adventurous traveling
- 3 options his wife planned and will be remembered as a man who
- 4 certainly delighted in the good life; and
- 5 WHEREAS, Peter Pasquel is survived by his wife; his
- 6 children, Maria (Daniel) Whitson, Melanie (Rick) Picl,
- 7 Kristine Pasquel, and Amy Donovan; his grandchildren, Rowena
- 8 and Fiona Whitson, Hannah, Gabriella, and Isabella Hernandez,
- 9 Sophia (Samuel) Olson, and Mallory Picl; and his
- 10 brother-in-law, Phil (Diana) Ramos, and their children, Heidi,
- Jon, Alicia, Jason, Eric, and Phillip; therefore, be it
- 12 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL
- ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
- 14 Peter John Pasquel and extend our sincere condolences to his
- 15 family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it
- 16 further
- 17 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
- 18 presented to the family of Peter Pasquel as an expression of
- 19 our deepest sympathy.