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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 Lawrence G. "Larry" Mais, who passed away on July 8, 2022; and

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WHEREAS, Larry Mais was born to George and Margaret (Fuess) Mais in South Ozone Park, Queens, New York on September 23, 1925; he was raised during the Great Depression; he graduated from John Adams High School; he enlisted in the U.S. Army in 1942, was assigned to the 86 Infantry, Black Hawk Division, saw action in the Battle of the Bulge, and was awarded the Bronze Star for combat actions; after VE Day, he was deployed to the Philippines; following his military service, he attended Saint John's University on the GI bill, attending night school while working during the day, and earned his bachelor's degree in English in 1952; he married Catherine "Katie" Meehan at Our Lady of Perpetual Help in Brooklyn, New York, and they settled in Bellerose, New York and had four children; and

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WHEREAS, Larry Mais took a job with Ametek in 1965, moving his family from the state of New York to the Quad Cities, where they became parishioners at St. Anne's in East Moline; later, as his job transferred to San Diego, they became parishioners at Our Lady of Grace Parish in El Cajon, California, where he

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1 was involved in the food pantry and helping the poor and
2 homeless; and

3 WHEREAS, After retirement, Larry Mais and Katie moved back
4 to the Quad Cities to live with their daughter, Mary, and be
5 near family; they were parishioners at St. Ambrose in Milan
6 and St. Pius X in Rock Island; they were also active in the
7 food pantry and prison ministry; for their work with the
8 prison ministry at the East Moline Correctional Center, they
9 were awarded Volunteers of The Year by the State of Illinois;
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11 WHEREAS, Larry Mais was known as a man of wit and an
12 inspiration to many of his fellow volunteers; he loved reading
13 novels, freshwater fishing at Lake Okoboji in Iowa, and
14 deep-sea fishing; he was a devoted pipe smoker, a crossword
15 puzzle aficionado, and a contract bridge player; he also
16 enjoyed participating in local bowling leagues; he was a
17 lifelong Brooklyn Dodgers fan until the team moved to the West
18 Coast, becoming a New York Mets fan in 1962; and

19 WHEREAS, Larry Mais was the father of Tom, Mary Anderson,
20 Peggy (Jeff) Kendrick, and Tricia (Bob) Havlir; the
21 grandfather of Major Ryan Anderson, Matt (Melanie McKelvey)
22 Anderson, Kristin (Terry) Stambaugh, Steve Mais, Bridget Mais,
23 M.D., Michael (Rita) Kendrick, Ed.D., Sam (Becky) Kendrick,

1 and George Havlir; and the great-grandfather of Ben Kendrick,
2 Ellie Kendrick, Declan Kendrick, Mari Kendrick, and Eryn
3 Stambaugh; therefore, be it

4 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL
5 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
6 Lawrence G. "Larry" Mais and extend our sincere condolences to
7 his family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it
8 further

9 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
10 presented to the family of Larry Mais as an expression of our
11 deepest sympathy.