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SENATE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate are saddened
3 to learn of the death of Louis "Lou" Rivera Jr. of Silvis,
4 formerly Moline, who passed away on October 31, 2022; and

5 WHEREAS, Lou Rivera was born to Louis Rivera Sr. and
6 Solidad Guerrero in Moline on December 25, 1933; he served in
7 the U.S. Navy during the Korean Conflict, where he was
8 stationed in both California and the Philippines; he married
9 Mary Cervantes in Moline in 1958; and

10 WHEREAS, Lou Rivera began a long career as a professional
11 photographer following his military service, working for the
12 Rock Island Arsenal and the Moline Dispatch; after retirement,
13 he continued to work as a self-employed photographer; he was
14 passionate about his profession and strived for perfection,
15 always looking for that perfect shot; and

16 WHEREAS, Lou Rivera enjoyed life; in his early years, he
17 became an accomplished racquetball player; he loved dancing,
18 listening to live music, and becoming a foster parent to all of
19 the neighborhood animals; he also loved movies and art; he
20 played the ukulele and harmonica, and he became an expert in
21 the art of boomerang throwing; and

1 WHEREAS, Lou Rivera was preceded in death by his siblings,
2 Delores Rivera, Mario Guerrero, and Louise Chedister; and

3 WHEREAS, Lou Rivera is survived by his daughter, Martine
4 (Chris) Van Speybroeck; his brothers, Arthur Rivera and Jimmy
5 (Celeste) Guerrero; his sisters, Jacqueline "Jackie" Romano,
6 Mercedes (Bob) Martinez, Jessica Ludway, and Tilly (Jess)
7 Mendoza; therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL
9 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
10 Louis "Lou" Rivera Jr. and extend our sincere condolences to
11 his family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it
12 further

13 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
14 presented to the family of Lou Rivera as an expression of our
15 deepest sympathy.