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1 SENATE RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate are saddened to learn of the death of Harry J. Kinowski Jr., who passed away on January 27, 2023; and

5 WHEREAS, Harry Kinowski was born on October 30, 1937; and

WHEREAS, Harry Kinowski began his career as a Village of Niles employee in 1958 when he joined the public works department and as a paid on call firefighter; he became a full-time member of the Niles Fire Department in 1960 and steadily rose through the ranks; he was appointed as chief of the department in 1984 and directed the Niles Fire Department for 22 years; he was an instrumental part of the Niles Fire Department in his 46 years as a full-time member; and

WHEREAS, Harry Kinowski spearheaded numerous innovations that have greatly improved the capabilities of the Niles Fire Department; he was instrumental in reorganizing both the fire prevention bureau and the training division; he was the founder of the R.E.D. Center and was also one of the three founding fire chiefs of the Northeastern Illinois Public Safety Training Academy (NIPSTA), which now includes 17 communities; and

- 1 WHEREAS, Harry Kinowski helped coordinate sending 900 area
- 2 personnel and 200 pieces of equipment to Louisiana in the wake
- 3 of Hurricane Katrina through the Mutual Aid Box Alarm System
- 4 (MABAS); and
- 5 WHEREAS, Harry Kinowski was a proud member of the Niles
- 6 Lions Club; and
- 7 WHEREAS, Harry Kinowski was the beloved husband of the
- 8 late Arlene (Speichert); the loving father of Beverly
- 9 Kinowski, Harry III (Sue) Kinowski, and Debra (Michael)
- 10 Perrella; the cherished papa of Stephen (Margaret) Cusick,
- 11 Christin (Mike) Mejia, Briana (Chris) Marazas, Nicole
- 12 Perrella, Katrina (Mike) Canevello, and Joey Kinowski; and the
- 13 dear great papa of Oliver Cusick and the late Michael
- 14 Canevello; therefore, be it
- 15 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL
- ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
- 17 Harry J. Kinowski Jr. and extend our sincere condolences to
- 18 his family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it
- 19 further
- 20 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
- 21 presented to the family of Harry Kinowski as an expression of
- our deepest sympathy.