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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 Thomas W. "Tom" Ortziger, who passed away on December 7, 2023; and

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WHEREAS, Tom Ortziger was born to Edward and Mildred (Jirkovsky) Ortziger in Chicago on February 14, 1941; he graduated from J. Sterling Morton High School in Cicero; he attended Northwestern University and graduated from Shimer College in 1964; he married Nancy Cruthis; and

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WHEREAS, Tom Ortziger had a long and distinguished career in public service; he was an executive assistant to Congressman Edward Derwinski and worked for the administrations of Governor James Thompson, Governor Jim Edgar, and Governor George Ryan; he served as assistant director of the Illinois Department of Registration and Education and then as deputy state fire marshal; he was appointed director of the Illinois Emergency Services & Disasters Agency in 1988; due to his superb skills in handling critical issues, he was then appointed director of the Illinois Department of Nuclear Safety; and

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WHEREAS, Tom Ortziger served as alderperson for the Village of Leland Grove for many years until 2005; and

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1           WHEREAS, Tom Ortziger was initiated into the Westchester  
2           #0995 Masonic Lodge in 1965, where he remained a member until  
3           he became affiliated with the Temperance #0016 Lodge in  
4           Vandalia in 2008; and

5           WHEREAS, Tom enjoyed traveling, hunting, spending time  
6           outdoors, and discussing politics; he was an incredible chef  
7           who cooked legendary seven-course Christmas dinners for family  
8           and friends; he will be remembered for his larger-than-life  
9           personality and his sarcastic, sharp wit; and

10           WHEREAS, Tom Ortziger is survived by his wife of 30 years,  
11           Nancy Ortziger; his son, Edward (Lisa) Ortziger; his  
12           stepchildren, Margie (Dave) Chilovich and Chip (Lynn)  
13           Fritzsche; four grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; two  
14           cousins; and many friends; therefore, be it

15           RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL  
16           ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of  
17           Thomas W. "Tom" Ortziger and extend our sincere condolences to  
18           his family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it  
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20           RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
21           presented to the family of Tom Ortziger as an expression of our

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