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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 Budd Birnbaum of Wilmette, who recently passed away; and

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WHEREAS, Budd Birnbaum was born into a family of nine children; his parents were Orthodox Jews who lived in Hyde Park; he spent his early years at the Jackson Park golf course, serving as caddy for Charles "Chick" Evans; and

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WHEREAS, Budd Birnbaum and his best friend, Lionel, and other young men from the neighborhood enlisted in the service at the onset of World War II; he and Lionel enlisted in the Army Air Corps, and Budd became a General's Adjutant, serving at the Broadmoor Hotel in Colorado Springs, Colorado; he later requested combat duty and was sent to the Philippines and Okinawa; he was the only young man from his neighborhood to return home from the war, losing even his best friend during conflict; and

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WHEREAS, After teaching English at a Japanese grade school, Budd Birnbaum returned home and worked in the music business; at Lyon and Healy Records he met his future wife, Marilyn; and

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WHEREAS, Together they moved to 97th Street on the

1 Southside of Chicago and later moved the family to Wilmette;
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3 WHEREAS, Budd Birnbaum was the beloved husband of the late
4 Marilyn, nee Blake; he was the loving father of Susan (Gerald)
5 Van Kollenburg, Michael (Julia) Birnbaum, Nancy Birnbaum
6 Blake, and Peter (Juliet) Birnbaum; he was the devoted "Papa"
7 of Elizabeth, Matthew, Laura, Rebecca, Samantha, Christopher,
8 Madeline, Ben, and Lucy; the dearest son of the late Elias and
9 Sara Birnbaum; and the youngest of nine siblings; therefore, be
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11 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-FIFTH GENERAL
12 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn, along with
13 his family and friends, the passing of Budd Birnbaum; and be it
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15 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
16 presented to the family of Budd Birnbaum as a symbol of our
17 sincere sympathy.