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1 SENATE RESOLUTION

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2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate are saddened to 3 learn of the death of Leonard A. Karuzis Sr. of Westville, who 4 passed away on December 24, 2009; and

5 WHEREAS, Leonard Karuzis Sr. was born on September 4, 1934, 6 in Westville; he was the son of Andrew and Julia (Galius) 7 Karushis; he married Ruth Coan on June 16, 1956, at Sts. Peter 8 and Paul Catholic Church in Westville; and

9 WHEREAS, Leonard Karuzis Sr. was employed at General Motors 10 for 3 years; he served in the United States Air Force for 4 11 years before starting a 38-year career at HeatCraft; and

WHEREAS, Leonard Karuzis Sr. was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church, where he served as an usher and member of the St. Mary's Rosary Group; he also served as a Democratic committeeman in the Georgetown 5th Precinct; and

WHEREAS, Leonard Karuzis Sr. enjoyed painting shirts for the kids during the Christmas season; he was also an avid Cubs, Notre Dame, and Bears fan and enjoyed working in his vegetable garden every year; and

WHEREAS, Leonard Karuzis Sr. was preceded in death by his

1 parents; his daughter, Barbara Karuzis; and his sister, Sylvia

- 2 Nagrodski; and
- 3 WHEREAS, Leonard Karuzis Sr. is survived by his wife; his
- 4 sons, Michael (Tina) Karuzis and Lenny (Lisa) Karuzis; his
- 5 daughters, Margaret Karuzis, Rose Karuzis, and Ruthie (Mike)
- 6 Crawford; his 14 grandchildren and 4
- 7 great-great-grandchildren; his brother, Andrew (Joyce)
- 8 Karushis; and his sisters, Alberta (Dean) Blakeney, Christine
- 9 Karushis, and Marianne Moreman; therefore, be it
- 10 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-SIXTH GENERAL
- 11 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn, along with
- 12 his family and friends, the passing of Leonard A. Karuzis Sr.;
- 13 and be it further
- 14 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
- presented to the family of Leonard Karuzis Sr. as an expression
- of our sympathy.