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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 Joseph Denis Madigan Jr., who passed away on May 21, 2012; and

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WHEREAS, Joseph Madigan Jr. was born in Chicago in 1932; he married Carol Ann Malloy in 1958; and

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WHEREAS, Joseph Madigan Jr. was raised in Oak Park and attended Fenwick High School and the University of Notre Dame; after graduating from Notre Dame, he was commissioned as an officer in the United States Navy; while in the Navy, he was ordered to run retail operations, including a grocery exchange, on a large Navy base in New Jersey; and

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WHEREAS, Madigans was established in Chicago in 1881 by Joseph Madigan Jr.'s paternal grandfather, Denis Joseph Madigan; during his career, Joseph Madigan Jr. led an expansion that took Madigans from its Madison and Crawford flagship to the establishment of stores across Chicagoland, including stores in Winston Plaza in Melrose Park, Yorktown Shopping Center in Lombard, Woodfield Mall, Harlem Irving Plaza, and the North Riverside Park and Chicago Ridge Malls, among many others; and

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1           WHEREAS, Joseph Madigan Jr. was well known as a highly  
2 creative and energetic merchant who foresaw and led a trend  
3 towards fashionable, price-conscious clothing that has become  
4 the norm in American retailing; and

5           WHEREAS, Joseph Madigan Jr. was preceded in death by his  
6 parents, Joseph D. Madigan and Florence Walsh Madigan, and his  
7 sister, Elizabeth Ann "Bette" Morris; and

8           WHEREAS, Joseph Madigan Jr. is survived by his loving wife  
9 of 53 years, Carol; his children and their families, Joseph and  
10 his wife, Eileen and their children, Mary Carol, Joseph,  
11 Michael, and Kathryn; John and his wife, Jennifer and their  
12 children, John, Therese, Daniel, Genevieve, Helen, Christine,  
13 and Michael Joseph; and Maria and her husband, Patrick Kelly,  
14 and their children, Patrick Emmett and Caroline Rose; and his  
15 sister, Nancy Schlacks; therefore, be it

16           RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL  
17 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn, along with  
18 his family and friends, the passing of Joseph Denis Madigan  
19 Jr.; and be it further

20           RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
21 presented to the family of Joseph Madigan Jr. as an expression  
22 of our sympathy.