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SENATE RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate are saddened to learn of the death of John J. "Luke" Luketich of St. Louis, Missouri, who passed away on October 27, 2014; and

WHEREAS, John Luketich was born in Roxana on November 14, 1922 to Mike M. and Dora M. (nee Dugan) Luketich; he attended St. Bernard's Grade School in Wood River and East Alton-Wood River High School; he also attended Saint Louis University; he married Mary Louise Schleeper on November 15, 1965 at St. Bernard Catholic Church; and

WHEREAS, John Luketich worked at the Shell Research Laboratory in Roxana, retiring in 1975; he then built and became the owner and operator of St. Catherine's Village Golf Course in Edwardsville from 1973 until retiring in 2006; and

WHEREAS, John Luketich was a member of St. Bernard's Catholic Church in Wood River through the 1970s; he then was a member of St. Boniface Parish in Edwardsville until 2006 and then St. Mary's Catholic Church in Alton; he was a member of the Knights of Columbus Council 1143 in Edwardsville and enjoyed tennis, golfing, bowling, and playing pinochle in his younger days; he looked forward to weekend "pilgrimages" with his family to Notre Dame, Indiana, where he enjoyed Notre Dame

1 football; he also was a avid Saint Louis University Basketball
2 and Chicago Cubs fan; his greatest joy was being around his
3 family, visiting with his nieces and nephews, and going
4 shopping with his much-loved grandson; and

5 WHEREAS, John Luketich was preceded in death by his wife,
6 Mary; his parents; his sister, Catherine Luketich; and his
7 brother, Donald Luketich; and

8 WHEREAS, John Luketich is survived by his daughter, Carolyn
9 (Joel) Simansky; his son, Dan Luketich; his grandson, Benjamin
10 Michael Simansky; his sister-in-law, Barbara (nee Shields)
11 Luketich; and many friends; therefore, be it

12 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL
13 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
14 John J. "Luke" Luketich, and extend our sincere condolences to
15 his family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it
16 further

17 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
18 presented to the family of John Luketich as an expression of
19 our deepest sympathy.