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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 Louis A. "Lou" Baron, who passed away on June 19, 2015; and

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WHEREAS, Lou Baron was born in Toledo, Ohio on April 13, 1918; he graduated from Manley High School in Chicago in 1937; he joined the United States Army in 1940 and fought in the European Theater, earning the Bronze Star for bravery; he married Mary Waldman on March 14, 1943 and was discharged from the Army in 1945; and

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WHEREAS, Lou Baron returned to Chicago after the war and began working at the Centennial Laundry Company; in 1952, he founded the City Scrap Iron Company, which he later sold and then repurchased in 2011; he founded the Acme Refining Company in 1973 with one truck and 2 employees and it has grown into a company with 450 employees and \$400 million in sales; and

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WHEREAS, Affectionately known to many as "Papa Lou", Lou Baron was still showing up to work in his 90s telling people what they were doing wrong; and

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WHEREAS, Lou Baron received the Recycler of the Year Award in 2008 from the Illinois Recycling Association; and

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1           WHEREAS, Lou Baron was the son of Jenny Strock; the beloved  
2 husband of Mary Baron (nee Waldman); the loving father of Larry  
3 (Mary) and Iris; the dear brother of the late Irving, Lillian,  
4 Peter, and Anne; the loving grandfather of Brett, Lindsey, and  
5 Alex; and the loving great-grandfather of Brett, Vincent,  
6 Isabella, and Calvin; therefore, be it

7           RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL  
8 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of  
9 Louis A. "Lou" Baron, and extend our sincere condolences to his  
10 family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it  
11 further

12           RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
13 presented to the family of Lou Baron as an expression of our  
14 deepest sympathy.