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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate wish to recognize the life of Maurie Berman, who passed away on May 17, 2015; and

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WHEREAS, Maurie Berman and his wife, Flaurie "Flo" Miska, graduated together from Von Steuben High School in the North Park neighborhood of Chicago; they married in August of 1947, shortly after Maurie returned home from serving in the U.S. Army during World War II; and

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WHEREAS, Maurie Berman and Flo opened Superdawg in 1948, a vintage drive-in with an order booth that looked like an airport control tower and two 12-foot-tall papier-mache hot dogs that stood on its roof; a second location, in Wheeling, features the same rooftop hot dog caricatures, a leopard print-wearing strongman and his tutu-clad mate, modeled after Maurie and Flo; the business now supports approximately 50 employees; and

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WHEREAS, Maurie Berman enjoyed spending time with his children and grandchildren, riding in the family car, scoping out new restaurants and old buildings, and pointing out interesting signs; and

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1 WHEREAS, Maurie Berman was the loving wife, best friend,
2 and business partner of 68 years of Flo; the cherished father
3 of Scott (Terry), Myles "Mush", and Lisa (Don) Drucker; the
4 adoring grandfather of Alyssa "Lyssi" (Jordan), Laura (Ben),
5 Max, Steffie, and Ross; the great-grandfather of Talia; the
6 beloved brother of Rosa (Jerry) Burkman; the beloved
7 father-in-law of Pat Garcia (Julie Barton); grandfather-figure
8 to Livi Barton; and uncle to many nieces and nephews;
9 therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDREDTH GENERAL
11 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we recognize the life
12 of Maurie Berman; and be it further

13 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
14 presented to the family of Maurie Berman.