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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 Justice James T. Londrigan of Springfield, who passed away on May 31, 2019; and

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WHEREAS, Justice Londrigan was born to James E. and Sophia (Albright) Londrigan in Springfield on February 23, 1925; he attended Sacred Heart Grade School, Cathedral Boys High School, the University of Illinois, and the City College of New York and then graduated from Chicago-Kent Law School; during his youth, he served as president, vice president, and national committeeman for the Young Democrats of Illinois and the Sangamon County Young Democrats; he married Marilyn J. Brust in 1950; after her death, he married Mary Lane in May of 2016; and

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WHEREAS, Justice Londrigan was a disabled infantry veteran of World War II; he received two Purple Hearts, a Bronze Star, and five Campaign Citations, including one from the Battle of the Bulge; and

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WHEREAS, Justice Londrigan spent most of his career as a member of the law firm of Londrigan and Londrigan; there, he practiced with six other Londrigans, including his father, James, and his son, Timothy; he also served as a Sangamon County Circuit Court Judge, a Special Assistant Attorney

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1 General, a City Attorney, a Hearing Officer, as Legal Counsel
2 to the State Department of Public Health and Aeronautics, and
3 on the 4th District Appellate Court; most recently, Londrigan
4 served as counsel with the law firm of Wolter, Beeman, Lynch
5 and Londrigan; and

6 WHEREAS, Justice Londrigan served eight years as an
7 Illinois State Representative; he sponsored a variety of bills
8 during his tenure, including legislation to keep the Department
9 of Revenue and all State government in Springfield, for the
10 creation of the Sangamon State University Auditorium and for
11 the Homestead Tax Exemption, for the abolishment of personal
12 tax, to lower real estate taxes, to require bicycle safety
13 reflectors, and for Southern Illinois University Medical
14 School; he also helped secure funding for railroad relocation,
15 the Prairie Capital Convention Center, and \$10,000,000,00
16 worth of funding for an underground state parking garage; and

17 WHEREAS, Justice Londrigan served as head of the Knights of
18 Columbus six point program, where he instituted new programs
19 including scholarship programs for Cathedral High School; he
20 instituted and was president of the Knights of Columbus Credit
21 Union, which later joined with Sacred Heart Credit Union; he
22 served on the board of directors of the Aid to Retired Children
23 and was president and Irishman of the Year of the Sons of Erin;
24 he was a member of the Sangamon County Bar Association, the

1 Illinois Bar Association, the D.A.V., the V.F.W., the American
2 Legion, the Military Order of the Purple Heart, Knights of
3 Columbus #364, the Elks, the Eagles, the Island Bay Yacht Club,
4 the Sangamo Club, Panther Creek Country Club, the American
5 Business Club, the Illinois Historic Society and Christ the
6 King Church; and

7 WHEREAS, Justice Londrigan was preceded in death by by his
8 first wife, Marilyn, his parents, and his brother, Robert
9 Londrigan; and

10 WHEREAS, Justice Londrigan is survived by his wife, Mary;
11 his daughters, Linda Gillette, Janet (Bob) Kregbaum, Lisa
12 Beene, and Mary Jeanne (Dennis) Weakly; his son, Timothy
13 Londrigan; his grandchildren, Connor and Ciara Londrigan, Luke
14 and Lexie Weakly, and Halle Beene; his great-grandson; and his
15 brother, Paul (Karen) Londrigan; therefore, be it

16 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL
17 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
18 Justice James T. Londrigan and extend our sincere condolences
19 to his family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be
20 it further

21 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
22 presented to the family of Justice Londrigan as an expression

1 of our deepest sympathy.