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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 Richard Andrew DiPietro of Park Ridge, who passed away on March 2, 2024; and

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WHEREAS, Richard DiPietro was born to Nicholas and Teresa DiPietro on June 2, 1943; he was raised in Chicago and graduated from Notre Dame High School in 1961; he married Kathleen "Kathy" DiPietro in 1962; and

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WHEREAS, Richard DiPietro worked in the typesetting industry, beginning his career with TotalTypography before opening his own company, The TypeSmiths, Inc. in 1981; his company eventually evolved into CrossTech Communications, from which he retired in 2013; and

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WHEREAS, Richard DiPietro had an interest in community issues, which led to his election as president of the Park Ridge Manor Community Association; subsequently, he was elected as an alderperson of the 2nd Ward in Park Ridge, serving for five terms from 1995 until 2013; and

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WHEREAS, Richard DiPietro was a member of the Typographers International Association, where he served in multiple roles, including as president in 1992; additionally, he volunteered

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1 with the church services at St. Benedict's Nursing Home for 25
2 years; and

3 WHEREAS, Richard DiPietro was a devoted husband and
4 father, known for his commitment to his family, his dry sense
5 of humor, and his preference for working over taking
6 vacations; he loved politics and the University of Notre Dame;
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8 WHEREAS, Richard DiPietro was preceded in death by his
9 parents; his in-laws, Edward Wenigman and Betty Wenigman; his
10 sister, Antoinette Fabianski; his infant son, Richard Gerard
11 DiPietro; his infant grandson, Joshua McPherson; his infant
12 great-grandson, Jack Kretschmar; his brother-in-law, Jack
13 Marinelli; and other extended relatives; and

14 WHEREAS, Richard DiPietro is survived by his wife; his
15 children, Robin (Stephanie Sherman) DiPietro, Beth (Andrew)
16 McPherson, Tom (Katherine) DiPietro, Tracy (Sean) McCarthy,
17 Amy Kawiecki, Megan (Michael) Steele, and Ryan (Kathryn)
18 DiPietro; his grandchildren, Nathan (Maureen), Aaron (Cara),
19 Zachary (Lauren), Chelsea (Andrew Kretschmar), Jacob
20 (Kaitlyn), Cassidy, Justin (Lily Elderkin), Kristen, Chris
21 (Shannon), Kaitlyn, Danielle, Samantha, Peter (Ellie), Paige,
22 Caroline, Alex, Riley, Colin, Jackson, Anna, Savannah, Tyler,
23 Nicholas, and Grace; 11 great-grandchildren; his sister, Marie

1 Marinelli; his brothers-in-law, Frank Fabianski and Edward
2 Wenigman; and many nieces, nephews, extended family members,
3 and friends; therefore, be it

4 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL
5 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
6 Richard Andrew DiPietro and extend our sincere condolences to
7 his family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it
8 further

9 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
10 presented to the family of Richard DiPietro as an expression
11 of our deepest sympathy.