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SENATE RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate are saddened to learn of the death of Tomislav "Tom" Ilich of Lisle, who passed away on January 1, 2025; and

WHEREAS, Tom Ilich was born on September 6, 1960 and grew up in Brookfield, where he attended Riverside-Brookfield High School and maintained a lifelong devotion to the Bulldogs; he met his future bride, Mary McGovern, at Waldo Peepers in Stickney in 1986; and

WHEREAS, Tom Ilich had a long career with Jewel and then owned and operated McGil Services for the past 15 years; and

WHEREAS, Tom Ilich had lifetime love of sports; when he was a child, he was part of the Brookfield Little League team that won the prestigious Roy A. Overholt Boys Little League Tournament; he was a loyal fan of the Cubs, Blackhawks, Bears, Notre Dame, Ohio State, University of Dayton, Marquette University, and Montini Bronco; in his 20s, he recruited a softball team, the Hi Flyers, leading them to numerous victories; and

WHEREAS, Tom Ilich loved live music and supported many of the local suburban bands; he enjoyed listening to REO

1 Speedwagon, Tom Petty, John Mellencamp, and others but was a
2 loyal member of the Parrotheads, traveling all across the
3 country to see Jimmy Buffet in concert a total of 36 times; and

4 WHEREAS, Tom Ilich loved traveling with Mary and his
5 family to Key West, Clearwater, Marco Island, and Abbey
6 Springs in Lake Geneva, where he could enjoy water, music, and
7 beverages; he often shared memories about visiting his
8 family's homeland, Serbia, and then traveling to Sarajevo for
9 the 1984 Winter Olympics; and

10 WHEREAS, Tom Ilich was the beloved husband of Mary
11 (McGovern); the loving father of Robert (Cathleen Reibel),
12 Kathleen (Alex) Falconio, Patricia, and Thomas; the cherished
13 grandfather "G" of Paisley Mae; the devoted son of Dusanka and
14 the late Bora Ilich; the dearest brother of Nada (Mark)
15 Bobrowski; the dear brother-in-law of several; and the fond
16 uncle and cousin to many; therefore, be it

17 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL
18 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
19 Tomislav "Tom" Ilich and extend our sincere condolences to his
20 family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it
21 further

22 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be

1 presented to the family of Tom Ilich as an expression of our
2 deepest sympathy.