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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 Benjamin P. "Ben" Schatz of Des Plaines, who passed away on August 1, 2025; and

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WHEREAS, Ben Schatz was born to Joseph and Katherina (Thomas) Schatz in Eagle Butte, South Dakota on March 31, 1931; before high school, he and his family moved from their farmstead to Rapid City, South Dakota, where he was excited by the opportunities available in the city; he studied civil engineering at the South Dakota School of Mines and Technology (SDSM&T); he served in the United States Navy during the Korean Conflict for four years, where he learned sonar and radar technologies; he then returned to SDSM&T to complete his degree; and

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WHEREAS, Ben Schatz married Alice Mae Palmer before graduating from SDSM&T, and they moved to Jackson, Michigan for his first career opportunity; his profession led to a move for their family to Illinois, where they resided in Blue Island and Wood Dale before they finally settled in Des Plaines; and

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WHEREAS, Ben Schatz was the founder and longtime owner of ChemGrout, Inc. in LaGrange Park; he remained dedicated to his

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1 work and business, retiring at the age of 91, and his legacy
2 lives on through the equipment he designed over 50 years ago
3 still being in use around the world today; and

4 WHEREAS, Ben Schatz will be remembered as an engineer, a
5 business owner, an avid vegetable gardener, a devoted husband,
6 a proud father of five, and a helpful neighbor; and

7 WHEREAS, Ben Schatz was preceded in death by his parents
8 and his siblings, Andrew, Michael, Anton "Tony", Margaret
9 "Sister Gemma", Barbara, Frances, Mary, and Odilia "Tillie";
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11 WHEREAS, Ben Schatz is survived by his wife of 68 years,
12 Alice Mae (Palmer) Schatz; his children, Carol (David
13 Rodgers), Joseph (Jeanne Duff), Julie (Peter Sussenguth),
14 Thomas (Janet Fisher), and Leanne (Bruce Trela); ten
15 grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren; therefore, be it

16 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL
17 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
18 Benjamin P. "Ben" Schatz and extend our sincere condolences to
19 his family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it
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21 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be

1 presented to the family of Ben Schatz as an expression of our
2 deepest sympathy.