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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 Gerald "Jerry" Agatucci of Peoria, who passed away on November 4, 2025; and

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WHEREAS, Jerry Agatucci, the son of Frank and Anne (Vespa) Agatucci, was born in Peoria on January 4, 1938; he was raised and educated in Peoria, graduating in 1956; he served in the United States Army; he married Sophie M. Funk on July 24, 1965; and

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WHEREAS, Jerry Agatucci was the co-owner of Peoria's landmark Italian restaurant, Agatucci's, which will celebrate its 100th year of operation in 2026; he was noted for his warmth, memory, and genuine connection with people, becoming known for his remarkable ability to remember every customer's name, their stories, and even their birthdays; and

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WHEREAS, Jerry Agatucci gave back to his community by cooking countless spaghetti dinners and hosting the No-Run Run for Diabetes and the Diabetes Annual Golf Outing over the years, raising hundreds of thousands of dollars for diabetes research; and

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WHEREAS, Jerry Agatucci devoted his life to serving great

1 food, offering good company, and making everyone who walked
2 through his doors feel like family; he leaves behind a legacy
3 of kindness, generosity, and community spirit; and

4 WHEREAS, Jerry Agatucci was preceded in death by his
5 parents and his brother, James Agatucci; and

6 WHEREAS, Jerry Agatucci is survived by his wife of 60
7 years, Sophie; his sons, Frank (Kimberly) Agatucci and Daniel
8 (Julie) Agatucci; three grandchildren; his friends; and
9 countless patrons; therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL
11 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
12 Gerald "Jerry" Agatucci and extend our sincere condolences to
13 his family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it
14 further

15 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
16 presented to the family of Jerry Agatucci as an expression of
17 our deepest sympathy.