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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 Rudolph Joseph "Rudy" Smolka of Park Ridge, who passed away on November 20, 2025; and

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WHEREAS, Rudy Smolka, the son of the late Walter and Wanda Smolka, was born in Chicago on January 19, 1948; he graduated from Lindblom Technical High School and Illinois College; he married Cynthia "Cindi" Smolka in 1970; and

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WHEREAS, Rudy Smolka built a long and respected career as an accountant; and

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WHEREAS, Rudy Smolka was dedicated to serving others and his community; he was a member of the Boy Scouts of America for more than 50 years, serving as an Eagle Scout, a troop leader, a mentor, and a supporter; he was also a longtime member of the Kiwanis and a board member of the Center of Concern; and

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WHEREAS, Rudy Smolka was a man of deep faith and a lifelong member of the Polish National Catholic Church, and he also served on the Park Ridge Men's Prayer Breakfast Committee; and

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WHEREAS, Rudy Smolka embraced all things Chicago, and he was an avid Chicago Bears and White Sox fan; and

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1 WHEREAS, Rudy Smolka was a friend to all, and his family
2 was the true pride and joy of his life; and

3 WHEREAS, Rudy Smolka was the husband of Cindi; the father
4 of Matthew (Julia) Smolka and Lauren (Jason) Arndt; the
5 grandfather of five; the brother of Sandra (the late Sonny)
6 Dobrovolskis and Phillip (Sylvia) Smolka; and the uncle of
7 many; therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL
9 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
10 Rudolph Joseph "Rudy" Smith and extend our sincere condolences
11 to his family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be
12 it further

13 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
14 presented to the family of Rudy Smolka as an expression of our
15 deepest sympathy.