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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 Dominic E. "Ditty" Lynch Jr. of Watseka, who passed away on May 10, 2020; and

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WHEREAS, Dominic Lynch Jr. was born to Dominic E. and Mary Ellen Nally Lynch Sr. on July 3, 1928; he graduated from Watseka High School in 1946 and Western Illinois University in 1953, where he earned three varsity letters in football, was named First Team Defensive Player of the Year, and was inducted into the Western IL University Football Hall of Fame in 1983; he served in the U.S. Army under the 1st Infantry Division during WWII and was stationed in Bad Tolz, Germany; he married Bonnie L. Scott in Macomb on August 16, 1952, and she preceded him in death on February 17, 2018; he was a lifetime citizen of Watseka; and

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WHEREAS, Alongside his brother Jack, Dominic Lynch Jr. carried on his father's business as the former owner, operator, and vice chairman of the D.E. Lynch Construction Company, which later became the Iroquois Paving Corporation; he served as president of the Illinois Asphalt Pavement Association two times and was a member of the Associated General Contractors of Illinois; and

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1           WHEREAS, Dominic Lynch Jr. was committed to his faith and  
2 was a member of St. Edmund Catholic Church; he was a Fourth  
3 Degree Knights of Columbus and was actively involved in several  
4 other organizations, including the Sigma Tau Gamma Fraternity  
5 at Western Illinois University, the Watseka Chamber of  
6 Commerce, the Watseka Lions Club, the Watseka American Legion,  
7 the Union League Club of Chicago, and the Watseka Elks Lodge  
8 No. 1791, where he had served as a past exalted ruler; he was  
9 also a member of the Shewami Country Club, where he was  
10 instrumental in organizing the construction of the back nine in  
11 1984; he was a recipient of the Western Illinois University  
12 Alumni Association Achievement Award, the WCHS Athletic  
13 Achievement Award, and the Sam Walton Business Leader Award;  
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15           WHEREAS, Nothing brought Dominic Lynch Jr. more joy than  
16 his children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren; he  
17 especially enjoyed watching them participate in WCHS Athletics  
18 and rarely missed a game or an event; and

19           WHEREAS, Dominic Lynch Jr. was preceded in death by his  
20 wife; his parents; and his brothers, John (Jack) Lynch and  
21 Patrick Martin Lynch; and

22           WHEREAS, Dominic Lynch Jr. is survived by his son, Michael  
23 (Patti) Lynch; his daughters, Nancy Cowan, Kathy (Joe) Kubal,

1 Chris (Kevin) Bossong, and Jennifer (Mike) Dixon; his 12  
2 grandchildren; and his seven great-grandchildren; therefore,  
3 be it

4 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL  
5 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of  
6 Dominic E. "Ditty" Lynch Jr. and extend our sincere condolences  
7 to his family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be  
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9 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
10 presented to the family of Dominic Lynch Jr. as an expression  
11 of our deepest sympathy.