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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 Joseph S. Forzley of Lemont, who passed away on August 25, 2020; and

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WHEREAS, Joseph Forzley was born to Salim and Fedwa Forzley in Lemont on July 10, 1927; he graduated from Lemont Township High School in 1945; he then served in the 5th Army Air Force in World War Two; after serving his country, he received his degree from UCLA; he married Bernice Elias at the All Saints Greek Orthodox Church in 1950; he was a lifelong resident of Lemont; and

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WHEREAS, Joseph Forzley worked in the insurance business for eight years; he then worked for Argonne National Laboratory as a purchasing manager for 30 years; he also served as mayor of Lemont from 1989 to 1992; and

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WHEREAS, Joseph Forzley was a founding member of the Wilco Career Center and what is now known as The Blue & Gold Backers, a parent-driven volunteer organization that supports the Lemont High School Athletic Department through fundraising activities; he served as a board member of the All Saints Greek Orthodox Church and of the Franciscan Sisters, as president of the Lemont High School Board, on the Lemont Planning and Zoning

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1 Commission, and on the Lemont Village Board; he also coached
2 Little League; and

3 WHEREAS, Joseph Forzley was a Scottish Rite Masonic member
4 as well as a member of the Lockport Masonic Lodge #538 and
5 Shriners; a proud veteran, he was an Honor Flight recipient and
6 a member of the VFW and American Legion; and

7 WHEREAS, Joseph Forzley was a Lemont High School Hall of
8 Fame recipient; he was also chosen as Lemont's Grand Marshal
9 for the Keepataw Parade and as Citizen of the Year; in
10 addition, a bridge at the Lemont quarries was named after him;
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12 WHEREAS, Joseph Forzley enjoyed vacationing in Florida,
13 all sports, and, most of all, spending time with his family;
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15 WHEREAS, Joseph Forzley was preceded in death by his
16 parents; his two brothers, Edward and Richard Forzley; his
17 brother-in-law, Elias Abboud; and his mother-in-law and
18 father-in-law, Asma and Essa Elias; and

19 WHEREAS, Joseph Forzley is survived by his loving and
20 devoted wife of 70 years, Bernice (Elias) Forzley; his three
21 children, Sharon (Ted) Mochel, Mark (Kathy) Forzley, and Dr.

1 Samuel (Michele) Forzley; his seven grandchildren, Matthew
2 (Christina), Michele, and Michael Forzley, Sarah (Graham)
3 Pocic, and Nicholas, Anne, and Elizabeth Forzley; his three
4 great-grandchildren, Grace and Jack Pocic and Hannah Forzley;
5 his sister, Gloria Abboud; his sister-in-law, Joan Forzley; and
6 his many nieces and nephews; therefore, be it

7 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL
8 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
9 Joseph S. Forzley and extend our sincere condolences to his
10 family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it
11 further

12 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
13 presented to the family of Joseph Forzley as an expression of
14 our deepest sympathy.