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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 Louis "Louie" Joseph Smarjesse, who passed away on February 12, 2021; and

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WHEREAS, Louie Smarjesse was born to Rose and John Smarjesse on October 3, 1932; he attended St. Peter and Paul School; he left Cathedral High School early to join the U.S. Army, where he finished his schooling and served on Okinawa during the Korean War; he scored so well on Army tests that he was placed in Intelligence and Reconnaissance; and

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WHEREAS, Louie Smarjesse had many jobs, including managing the Kinney shoe store on the square in Springfield and the one in Lafayette, Indiana; he moved furniture for a local store, worked at a meat plant, and tended bar, all at the same time; he also sold cars for Friendly Chevrolet, worked as a common laborer, sold life insurance, and collected for All Star Music; and

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WHEREAS, Louie Smarjesse's true passion was in hospitality and, specifically, bartending; he owned the memorable Supper Club, the Sand Bar, and Griff's Tavern and co-owned the Blue Moon with his brother Bob; he also managed The Sportsman, where he fed the piranhas; he bartended in 23 restaurants and

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1 bars, including Milano's, the Abe Lincoln Hotel, Mansion View,
2 the Governor's Mansion for Governor Walker, Robin Hood,
3 Par-a-dice, Village Pump in Indianapolis, Flaming Pit, Don
4 Henry's, Harness House, Ideal Lounge, Rosalie's Place, D &
5 J's, Dicenso's Black Angus, Ember's, George Rank's, Ben's
6 Place, Top of the Arch, Lake Club, Governor Hotel, Oak Crest
7 Country Club, John's Lounge, and the Brass Rail; he is best
8 known for the many years he worked at Gabatoni's; and

9 WHEREAS, Louie Smarjesse had wonderful stories and loved
10 to make others happy; he and his wife traveled to Ireland,
11 Costa Rica, and most states, and twice enjoyed two-week
12 sailing cruises in the Caribbean and weeks on the island of St.
13 John; and

14 WHEREAS, Louie Smarjesse was preceded in death by his son,
15 Paul Smarjesse, and his grandson, Ronald Mohan Jr.; and

16 WHEREAS, Louie Smarjesse is survived by his wife of 50
17 years, Susan Hummel Smarjesse; his two former wives; his
18 children, Mike (Rhonda) Smarjesse, Karen (Charlie) Hitt,
19 Patricia (Ramon) Perez, Janet (John Henrikson) Rawlings, Kelly
20 (Trevor) Smarjesse-Miller, Anna (Bob Shaver) Neumann, and
21 Charly (Nancy Barnick) Smarjesse; his grandchildren, Nick,
22 Jake, Mike, Matt, Noah, Ben, and Johnny Smarjesse, Reid Hitt,
23 Andy Rawlings, Rachel Hammann, Lindsay Sullivan, Chon Nguyen,

1 Tara Carey, Emme Neumann, Bronte Smarjesse, and Hallie Miller;
2 and his brother, Bob Smarjesse and his children, Tony
3 Smarjesse, Teri Mulvey, and Tami Savage; therefore, be it

4 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL
5 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
6 Louis "Louie" Joseph Smarjesse and extend our sincere
7 condolences to his family, friends, and all who knew and loved
8 him; and be it further

9 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
10 presented to the family of Louie Smarjesse as an expression of
11 our deepest sympathy.