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1 SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate are saddened to learn of the death of Frank M. Zuccarelli of South Holland, who passed away on January 3, 2022; and

5 WHEREAS, Frank Zuccarelli was born to Marjorie and James 6 J. Zuccarelli on October 29, 1951; he graduated from 7 Thornridge High School and served as a medic in the U.S. Air 8 Force in Vietnam from 1969 to 1972; he graduated from Thornton 9 Community College (South Suburban College) in 1978; and

WHEREAS, Frank Zuccarelli's love for his community was deeply reflected in his work; he created programs that had an impact on many of all ages, providing jobs, health services, and food assistance; Thornton Township ran a massive food pantry in Harvey under his leadership; and

WHEREAS, Frank Zuccarelli was elected to the South Suburban College Board of Trustees in 1978 and served as chairman since 1987, during a tenure that saw the school grow into the third-largest community college system in the United States; he served as supervisor of Thornton Township since 1993 and as Thornton Township Democratic Committeeman since 2002; and

- 1 WHEREAS, Frank Zuccarelli was an early supporter of
- 2 then-U.S. Senate hopeful Barack Obama in 2004 and was an
- 3 essential backer for many candidates looking for a boost from
- 4 voters in Chicago's south suburbs; and
- 5 WHEREAS, Frank Zuccarelli was awarded the Township
- 6 Supervisor of the Year in 1996, 2007, and 2012; he received the
- 7 ICCTA service award in 2019, recognizing his 40 years of
- 8 service as a trustee; and
- 9 WHEREAS, Frank Zuccarelli was a constant pillar of
- strength and support to those he loved; he will be remembered
- 11 for his unwavering loyalty and giving heart; he fought for the
- 12 underdog and, for him, it was about serving others; and
- 13 WHEREAS, Frank Zuccarelli was preceded in death by his
- parents and his brother, James T. Zuccarelli; and
- 15 WHEREAS, Frank Zuccarelli is survived by his siblings,
- 16 Candace (the late John) Paun and Kenneth V. Zuccarelli; his
- 17 longtime girlfriend, Carmen Canales; his uncle, Robert
- Boskovich; his aunts, Dawn (Bill) Brown, Sharon (Michael)
- 19 Myszak, and Denyse (Jim) Taylor; his nephews, John and Joe
- 20 (Sarah) Paun; his nieces, Marjorie (Greg) Alexander and Lorrin
- 21 Paun; his great-nieces and great-nephews, Nadia Paun, Junior
- Paun, Jocelynn Paun, Beau Paun, Dane Paun, Lilly Alexander,

- 1 Zac Alexander, and Johnny Paun; numerous cousins and friends;
- and his chosen son, Nate Fields; therefore, be it
- 3 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL
- 4 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
- 5 Frank M. Zuccarelli and extend our sincere condolences to his
- family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it
- 7 further
- 8 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
- 9 presented to the family of Frank Zuccarelli as an expression
- of our deepest sympathy.