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SENATE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate are saddened
3 to learn of the death of Charles Allan "Lanny" Lutz of Los
4 Angeles, California, who passed away on January 5th, 2021 at
5 the age of 79; and

6 WHEREAS, Lanny Lutz was born to Ruth Flarida Lutz and
7 Allan Barr Lutz in Washington D.C. on January 1, 1942; for a
8 short time after the war, the family lived in Birmingham,
9 Michigan; they ultimately settled in Darien, Connecticut; and

10 WHEREAS, Lanny Lutz was a talented high school athlete; he
11 won multiple sailing races on Long Island Sound; and

12 WHEREAS, In 1964, Lanny Lutz earned a bachelor's degree in
13 English from Yale University; he pursued his passion for
14 acting in Yale's theater program; all the while, he also won
15 awards for his piano playing skills; and

16 WHEREAS, Lanny Lutz's fluency and interest in the French
17 language led him to take a yearlong leave of absence from Yale;
18 during a subsequent overseas trip to France, he met Katia
19 Brillie; the two were married in Paris; and

20 WHEREAS, After Lanny Lutz moved to New York City in 1967,

1 his daughter, Natalie Cebèle, was born; he also dedicated
2 himself to full-time acting; soon, the family relocated to
3 London so that Lanny could study at the acclaimed Royal
4 Academy of Dramatic Art (RADA); and

5 WHEREAS, Lanny Lutz earned an Honours Diploma from RADA
6 and was bestowed with the Bancroft Gold Medal; one of his
7 memorable performances included the title role in Tartuffe; he
8 even earned praise from the Canadian actress and writer
9 Alexandra Sellers; and

10 WHEREAS, In 1971, after graduation from RADA, Lanny Lutz
11 lived in New York City and Los Angeles; his second-to-last
12 destination was in the Chicago area, specifically Oak Park,
13 which he called home for more than 20 years; and

14 WHEREAS, Lanny Lutz was instrumental in the development of
15 a thriving theater scene in Oak Park; he founded the
16 Black-White Dialogue with Gerald Clay in 1996 and was a member
17 of the Oak Park Festival Theater's Board of Directors; in his
18 capacity with the latter organization, he played the lead role
19 in All My Sons in 2005; one year later, he reprised his role
20 from Tartuffe; and

21 WHEREAS, Lanny Lutz founded a contractor's reference
22 service entitled Lanny's List; and

1 WHEREAS, Lanny Lutz was a member of the Actors' Equity
2 Association and the Screen Actors Guild/American Federation of
3 Television and Radio Artists; he was briefly featured in the
4 movie, Batman: the Dark Knight; and

5 WHEREAS, Lanny Lutz was also a wine connoisseur and an
6 18-wheeler truck driver; and

7 WHEREAS, Lanny Lutz was preceded in death by his parents,
8 Ruth and Allan Lutz; and

9 WHEREAS, Lanny Lutz is survived by his daughter, Natalie
10 Lutz; his ex-wife, Katia Lutz; his grandchildren, Loic
11 Tatischeff and Magalie Tatischeff; his sister, Carolyn Gibson;
12 his nephew, Ian Gibson; his niece, Elizabeth (Liz) Gibson; and
13 his dear friend from Oak Park, Janet Bohler; therefore, be it

14 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL
15 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
16 Charles Allan "Lanny" Lutz and extend our sincere condolences
17 to his family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be
18 it further

19 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
20 presented to the family of Lanny Lutz as an expression of our

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1 deepest sympathy.