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1 SENATE RESOLUTION

- 2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate are saddened
- 3 to learn of the death of Paul J. Weldon, who passed away on May
- 4 24, 2021 at the age of 64; and
- 5 WHEREAS, Paul Weldon was born on November 30, 1956, the
- 6 fifth of six children of Bill and Patricia Weldon; and
- 7 WHEREAS, Paul Weldon was raised in River Forest, where he
- 8 attended St. Lukes and Roosevelt Middle School and later
- 9 graduated from Fenwick High School in Oak Park; and
- 10 WHEREAS, Paul Weldon continued his education, graduating
- 11 from Loyola University Chicago in 1978 and then receiving his
- 12 master's degree in Business Administration from Roosevelt
- 13 University in Chicago; and
- 14 WHEREAS, Paul Weldon became the sole proprietor of Van
- 15 Bergen & Greener Inc. after his father's passing in 1988; Van
- 16 Bergen & Greener, located in Maywood, is an automotive
- 17 manufacturing company known for being the only U.S.
- 18 manufacturer of starter drives and starter drive components;
- 19 and
- 20 WHEREAS, Paul Weldon handled his business and private

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- 1 affairs as a thoughtful and generous man; he was described by
- 2 friends and family as an optimistic, reliable, and kind man
- 3 who had a warm smile and generous heart; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Paul Weldon was a deeply religious man who was
- 5 inspired by the lives of Mother Teresa, Padre Pio, John Paul
- 6 II, and St. Faustina; he always made sure to live his faith and
- 7 was a generous supporter of many Catholic charities; and
- 8 WHEREAS, Paul Weldon was preceded in death by his first
- 9 wife, Bernadette Treacy Weldon; and
- 10 WHEREAS, At the time of his passing, Paul Weldon was
- 11 survived by his wife, Diane Schikora Tentler Weldon; his three
- 12 children, Matthew, Treacy (Dan) O'Keefe, and Marirose; his
- 13 wife's three children, Robert, David, and Julie Tentler; his
- 14 five siblings, Mary Pat (Ken) Woitas, Maureen Weldon, Bill
- 15 (the late Madonna) Weldon, Madeleine (Mike) Weldon-Linne, and
- Michele Weldon; his in-laws, William (Deborah) Treacy, Barbara
- 17 Treacy, Rosemary Treacy, Mary Pat (Jeff) Sutter, and Sharon
- Carroll; and his 27 nieces and nephews; therefore, be it
- 19 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL
- 20 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
- 21 Paul J. Weldon and extend our sincere condolences to his
- 22 family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it

- 1 further
- 2 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
- 3 presented to the family of Paul Weldon as an expression of our
- 4 deepest sympathy.