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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 Michael C. Langendorf, who passed away on February 8, 2022; and

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WHEREAS, Michael Langendorf was born in Chicago on November 3, 1953 and lived in Northbrook; he received his Bachelor of Science in Psychology and Master of Social Work at the University of Illinois; he was married to the love of his life, Sheri (Didech) Langendorf, for 45 years; and

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WHEREAS, Michael Langendorf was a proud school social worker/psychiatric social worker; he worked for the Department of Children and Family Services and the Oak Therapeutic School in Chicago; and

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WHEREAS, Upon moving to central Illinois, Michael Langendorf worked at the Cunningham Children's Home in Urbana, St. Elizabeth Hospital in Danville, Private Mental Health Associates in Danville, the Ford-Iroquois Special Education Cooperative, the Vermilion Association for Special Education, and the University of Illinois Laboratory High School; he also served as an adjunct instructor for the University of Illinois School of Social Work and an Administrative Law Judge/Due Process Hearing Officer for the Illinois Department of

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1 Education; and

2 WHEREAS, Michael Langendorf served on several committees
3 and boards; he was the Legislative Chair for the Illinois
4 Association of School Social Workers for over 20 years; he was
5 passionate about passing laws and providing services for
6 students and was a champion for the field of school social
7 work; he served on the Governor's Early Childhood Mental
8 Health Committee, the Star/Net Mini-Grant review Committee,
9 the Novice Teacher Support Project Steering Committee, the U
10 of I School of Social Work Advisory Committee, the U of I
11 Council on Teacher Education Committee, the VASE Autism Team,
12 the Vermilion County Emergency/Crisis Intervention Team, and
13 the Vermilion County Early Intervention Council; and

14 WHEREAS, Michael Langendorf advocated for students by
15 voluntarily attending school conferences and staffings, by
16 mediating for children to ensure they received appropriate
17 services, and by supporting and coaching parents for hours on
18 the telephone as they advocated for their children; he also
19 served as the chair of the Champaign-Urbana Jewish
20 Federation's Human Services Committee; and

21 WHEREAS, Michael Langendorf was a fabulous chef and took
22 pride in the meals he served to his friends and family; no
23 cooking task was too small or too great, whether he was cooking

1 hot dogs for a soccer team or cooking a Thanksgiving dinner for
2 100s at school; he had a special talent for making everyone he
3 met feel important and special, and he always opened his heart
4 and his home to anyone in need; he loved keeping in touch with
5 everyone and would call, text, and Facebook message at all
6 hours of the day, always expressing how much the people in his
7 life meant to him; and

8 WHEREAS, Michael Langendorf was the loving and doting
9 father of Emily (Daniel) Mysel and the incredible "Zee" to Max
10 and Eli Mysel; he was the devoted son of the late Estelle
11 (Jacobson) and the late Sheldon Langendorf and the loving
12 son-in-law of Beverly and the late Marvin Didech; he was the
13 dearest big brother to Robert Langendorf and brother-in-law to
14 Dean (Marleen) Didech and Gregg Didech; he was the fond uncle
15 of Amy (Bobby) White, Kevin (Mimi) Langendorf, and Kate (Chris
16 Barnett), Daniel (Jen), Adam (Lauren), Scott (Deanna),
17 Madeleine, and Makenna Didech and the great uncle to Jackson
18 White, Parker Barnett, and Theo Didech; he was the chosen
19 brother of David Jacobson, best friend to Glenn Weiss for the
20 last 66 years, and dedicated and caring friend to so many;
21 therefore, be it

22 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL
23 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
24 Michael C. Langendorf and extend our sincere condolences to

1 his family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it
2 further

3 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
4 presented to the family of Michael Langendorf as an expression
5 of our deepest sympathy.