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SENATE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate are saddened
3 to learn of the death of Elizabeth N. "Beth" (Newell) Murphy, a
4 beloved community leader, who passed away on April 24, 2023;
5 and

6 WHEREAS, Beth Murphy was raised in the Albany Park
7 neighborhood of Chicago; she married James "Jim" Murphy, and
8 he preceded her in death in 2003; and

9 WHEREAS, Beth and Jim Murphy purchased Ray's Bleachers,
10 located across the street from Wrigley Field, in 1980 and
11 renamed it Murphy's Bleachers; they added a rooftop to the
12 establishment in 1984; and

13 WHEREAS, After Jim's passing, Beth Murphy assumed control
14 of the business operations; under her ownership, Murphy's
15 Bleachers grew into one of America's most iconic sports bars,
16 becoming a sanctuary for the neighborhood and Chicago Cubs
17 players and a destination for all baseball fans; and

18 WHEREAS, Beth Murphy served as the spokesperson for the
19 Wrigley rooftop owners, representing the rights of local
20 businesses and residents in numerous battles with the Chicago
21 Cubs organization; and

1 WHEREAS, Upon her passing, Beth Murphy was fondly
2 remembered by friends, staff, and members of the Chicago Cubs
3 organization with a variety of stories detailing her impact on
4 Cubs players and fans, the neighborhood, and her colleagues,
5 for while everyone loved Murphy's Bleachers, they loved her
6 more; and

7 WHEREAS, Beth Murphy was a Chicago Cubs fan and friend;
8 she will be especially remembered as a community leader in the
9 Lakeview neighborhood and one of the area's most respected
10 business owners; therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL
12 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
13 Elizabeth N. "Beth" (Newell) Murphy, a beloved community
14 leader, and extend our sincere condolences to her family,
15 friends, and all who knew and loved her; and be it further

16 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
17 presented to the family of Beth Murphy as an expression of our
18 deepest sympathy.