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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 Bernard W. "Bernie" Cerar of Monmouth, who passed away on May 26, 2023; and

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WHEREAS, Bernie Cerar was born to Paul and Jeanette Cerar in Nokomis; he moved with his family to Carlinville and graduated from Carlinville High School in 1955; he served in the U.S. Army, where he rose to the rank of staff sergeant and was stationed in Darmstadt, Germany; he married Monique Beau in Courbevoie, a suburb of Paris, France, on April 19, 1958; and

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WHEREAS, Bernie Cerar and Monique owned and operated a number of notable businesses, including Cerar's Barnstormer Restaurant; and

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WHEREAS, Bernie Cerar volunteered in various charitable organizations, served on his son's school board, and more recently, proudly served as a fire-police commissioner of Monmouth; and

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WHEREAS, Bernie Cerar loved going to Innkeeper's Coffee, where he enjoyed having coffee and many conversations with his friends; he loved following the news and watching vintage

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1 westerns, and he was a lifelong and loyal fan of the St. Louis
2 Cardinals; he was a hardworking and caring son, brother,
3 husband, father, grandfather, and great-grandfather; and

4 WHEREAS, Bernie Cerar was preceded in death by his
5 daughter-in-law, Clare Conway Cerar; his grandson-in-law,
6 Steven Russell; his parents; and his siblings, Barbara, Helen,
7 Paul, Henry, Doris, Jeanette, June, and Patty; and

8 WHEREAS, Bernie Cerar is survived by wife of 65 years,
9 Monique; his sons, Marc-Henri, Daniel, and Kevin; his
10 daughter-in-law, Amanda; his grandchildren, Nicholas, April,
11 Amanda, Jennifer, Ryan, Katie, and Alexandra; his
12 great-grandchildren, Liam, Jaxen, Rylie, Connor, Clark,
13 Abigail, and Anzleigh; his siblings, Claudette Krupnick and
14 George (Rita) Cerar; and many nieces and nephews; therefore,
15 be it

16 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL
17 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
18 Bernard W. "Bernie" Cerar and extend our sincere condolences
19 to his family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be
20 it further

21 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
22 presented to the family of Bernie Cerar as an expression of our

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1 deepest sympathy.