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SENATE RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate are saddened to learn of the death of Charles Joseph "Chuck" Zickus Jr. of Palos Hills, who passed away on October 14, 2024; and

WHEREAS, Chuck Zickus, the son of the Charles Joseph Zickus Sr. and Elenore (Masquelet) Zickus, was born on September 19, 1935; and

WHEREAS, Chuck Zickus proudly served as an air traffic controlman and petty officer in the U.S. Navy, where he was stationed aboard the U.S.S. Lexington CVA-16 during the Korean War; and

WHEREAS, Chuck Zickus continued his dedication to public service in various roles throughout his life, including as commissioner of the North Palos Fire Protection District, deputy sheriff of Cook County, and plant manager for the Prudential Building in Chicago; and

WHEREAS, Chuck Zickus was a devoted and supportive husband to his wife, Anne (Greenhoff) Zickus, who was a prominent leader in the Illinois House of Representatives, where she served with dedication for over a decade; he remained her loving and steadfast partner throughout her career and life;

1 and

2 WHEREAS, Chuck Zickus was a loving father, grandfather,
3 and great-grandfather and a beloved member of his family; and

4 WHEREAS, Chuck Zickus will be remembered for his
5 remarkable sense of humor, for always bringing joy to those
6 around him, and for playing the role of Santa Claus with
7 enthusiasm and love; and

8 WHEREAS, Chuck Zickus's legacy of service, humor, and love
9 will live on in the memories of all who knew him; and

10 WHEREAS, Chuck Zickus was preceded in death by his
11 parents; his brother, William Zickus; and his sisters-in-law,
12 Joan Beasley and Adrienne Warneke; and

13 WHEREAS, Chuck Zickus is survived by his wife of 66 years,
14 Anne; his daughter, Kathleen (Zickus-Martens), and his
15 son-in-law, Terrence O'Shea; his son, Charles Joseph Zickus
16 III; his grandchildren, Matthew (Krystal) Martens, Samantha
17 Martens, Tony Hall, Charles Joseph "Chaz" Zickus IV, Eli
18 Zickus, Ivy Zickus, and Jule Zickus; his great-grandson,
19 Nathan Martens; his nieces and nephews, Dawn (Roy) Standish,
20 Karen (Mark) Jellema, Ellie (Jim) Liebenow, Klaus (Michelle)
21 Vogel, William (Valerie) Warneke, Martin (Sherry) Carlson,

1 Joseph (Ann) Carlson, Catherine (Chris) Bousquet, Carolyn
2 (Tom) Czarniak, and Christine (Todd Secki) Cummings; his many
3 great-nieces and great-nephews; his sisters-in-law, Nancy (the
4 late Michael) Cummings and Gail Carlson; and his bonus
5 daughters, Paty (Ron Worth) Autullo and Candee Brooks-Geddie;
6 therefore, be it

7 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL
8 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
9 Charles Joseph "Chuck" Zickus Jr. and extend our heartfelt
10 condolences to his family, friends, and all who knew him; and
11 be it further

12 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
13 presented to the family of Chuck Zickus as an expression of our
14 deepest sympathy and respect.