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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives are saddened to learn of the death of Peter
4 Lazare of Springfield, who passed away on November 7, 2018; and

5 WHEREAS, Peter Lazare was born in Long Island, New York and
6 raised in Stamford, Connecticut; he earned his Bachelor's
7 Degree in Economics from the University of Wisconsin-Madison;
8 he later received his master's degree from the University of
9 Illinois-Springfield; and

10 WHEREAS, Peter Lazare spent more than a decade organizing
11 labor unions in Chicago before he moved to Springfield in 1992;
12 he was an expert analyst at the Illinois Commerce Commission
13 for 20 years and was politically active until the time of his
14 death, focusing on the urgency of addressing climate change;
15 and

16 WHEREAS, Peter Lazare was also the co-owner of the
17 Grab-a-Java coffee shops with his wife, Meg; he and Meg filled
18 a market gap in Springfield with their high-end, coffee-to-go
19 concept; the shops also gave him a platform to share his
20 artwork, which dabbled in the politics and cultural issues of
21 the day, and is displayed prominently outside the two
22 Grab-a-Java locations; in recent years; he held two art shows

1 that were local cultural events and known for their uniqueness
2 and hilarity; and

3 WHEREAS, Peter Lazare spoke French and enjoyed traveling to
4 Paris with Meg as often as he could; in recent years, they
5 traveled all over Europe; he enjoyed playing board games,
6 reading, baking, and creating art projects with his
7 granddaughter; he attended her soccer games, served as the
8 coach of her Lego League team, and perfected his pancake recipe
9 for her; he lived out his political convictions and will be
10 remembered for his entrepreneurial spirit and his activist
11 heart; and

12 WHEREAS, Peter Lazare was preceded in death by his parents,
13 Edythe and Leon Lazare; and

14 WHEREAS, Peter Lazare is survived by his wife of 37 years,
15 Meg Evans Lazare; his children, Sarah (Adam Johnson) Lazare and
16 Ben Lazare; his granddaughter, Kinley Lazare; the mother of his
17 granddaughter, Anna Schneider; his brothers, Daniel Lazare and
18 Jonathan Lazare; his 22 nieces and nephews; and his wife's
19 seven sisters and brothers; therefore, be it

20 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
21 HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
22 mourn the passing of Peter Lazare and extend our sincere

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

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