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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 Grant St. Julian Jr. of Peoria, who passed away on March 7, 2019; and

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WHEREAS, Grant St. Julian Jr. was born in Beaumont, Texas to Grant Sr. and Leah (Herbert) St. Julian on February 13, 1931; he began playing the trumpet at age ten, participated in junior high and high school bands, and received a full music scholarship for four years from Samuel Huston College in Austin, Texas; his passion for jazz began in college; in December of 1949, he was initiated into the Gamma Lambda Chapter of the Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc.; after earning his Bachelor of Science in Biology, he served with distinction in the United States Army in Korea; he then earned a master's degree in microbiology from the University of Texas at Austin; and

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WHEREAS, Grant St. Julian Jr. began his scientific career at the United States Department of Agriculture, Northern Regional Research Center in Peoria in 1959 and retired after 32 years of service; his major contributions were in the area of biological control of insect pests; he published 60 original scientific papers, and his work has been quoted in several books and review articles; and

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1           WHEREAS, Grant St. Julian Jr. belonged to a number of  
2 national and international professional societies and received  
3 many honors and awards; he served on many local advisory  
4 boards, including the Illinois Arthritis Foundation, Heart of  
5 Illinois United Way, the Peoria Housing Authority, the  
6 Tri-County Urban League, the Salvation Army, and the  
7 Contemporary Art Center; he was also a longtime board member of  
8 The Heritage Ensemble; he was the chair of the Peoria Human  
9 Relations Commission from 1960 until 1964 and served as one of  
10 Peoria's Fire and Police Commissioners from 1964 until 1970; he  
11 was also a co-creator of the St. Julian Family Scholarship; as  
12 a Life Member of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc., he, along  
13 with 11 other brothers, chartered the Peoria Alumni Chapter on  
14 November 17, 1973; and

15           WHEREAS, During retirement, Grant St. Julian Jr. devoted  
16 himself to playing his trumpet and also took up the flugelhorn;  
17 he played with various local Midwest groups, most notably the  
18 Illinois Central College Jazz Band; his relationship with the  
19 college led him to create the Grant St. Julian Keep Jazz Alive  
20 Scholarship for promising musicians; he was also a culinary  
21 artist who prepared all family meals and regularly showcased  
22 his talents at large holiday gatherings; he was known for his  
23 beautiful garden and lush lawn; however, his greatest joy in  
24 life was his wife, Jeanne, and their three children; and

1           WHEREAS, Grant St. Julian Jr. was preceded in death by his  
2 parents and his sister, Winona Elizabeth St. Julian Frank; and

3           WHEREAS, Grant St. Julian Jr. is survived by his wife,  
4 Jeanne; his children, Grant III, Andrea Renee, and Tanya  
5 Suzanne; his daughter-in-law, Judy St. Julian; his son-in-law,  
6 Michael Alexander; his grandchildren, Andrew (Paige) St.  
7 Julian and Stacie (Peter) Paciorek; and his five  
8 great-grandchildren; therefore, be it

9           RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL  
10 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of  
11 Grant St. Julian Jr. and extend our sincere condolences to his  
12 family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it  
13 further

14           RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
15 presented to the family of Grant St. Julian Jr. as an  
16 expression of our deepest sympathy.