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SENATE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate are saddened to 3 learn of the death of Lenard John "Lenny" Szarek of Johnsburg, 4 who passed away on February 8, 2015; and

WHEREAS, Lenard Szarek was born in Waukegan on January 22, 1948 to Walter and Stephanie (nee Wasowicz) Szarek; he was educated at Montini Catholic School in McHenry and graduated from Marian Central Catholic High School in Woodstock in 1966; he married Christine Wilson in Woodstock on April 3, 1971; and

WHEREAS, After high school, Lenard Szarek worked as a carpenter and began his lifetime passion in the field of construction; he worked for Ernie Kissinger Co. and then R.D. Thiel & Co. for many years; in 1983, he began Lenny Szarek, Inc., building homes and commercial buildings with skilled union carpenters; he was very proud to use skilled union craftsman in his profession; and

WHEREAS, Lenard Szarek enjoyed target shooting, bowling, golfing, the Chicago Blackhawks, and the Chicago Cubs; he loved shopping "the Amazon way", Chicago nightlife, and taking sunrise walks along Lake Shore Drive; he loved the companionship of his schnauzers, Muffin, Maggie, and Lilly; and

1 WHEREAS, Lenard Szarek was preceded in death by his parents

- 2 and his sister, Carol Schmidt; and
- 3 WHEREAS, Lenard Szarek is survived by his wife of 43 years,
- 4 Christine; his 4 children, Jay (Kimberly) Szarek, Michael
- 5 (Dina) Szarek, Laura (Ron) Burns, and Lisa (Ryan) Picou; and
- 6 his 7 grandchildren, Kaylie, Karissa, Sean, Mitchell,
- Jennifer, Christina, and Elliot; therefore, be it
- 8 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL
- 9 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
- 10 Lenard John "Lenny" Szarek, and extend our sincere condolences
- 11 to his family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be
- 12 it further
- 13 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
- 14 presented to the family of Lenard Szarek as an expression of
- our deepest sympathy.