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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of Representatives are saddened to learn of the death of Thomas M. "Tom" Yucuis of East Dundee, who passed away on February 24, 2025; and

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WHEREAS, Tom Yucuis was born in Chicago to Charles P. and Carol J. (Sommer) Yucuis on December 6, 1955; he was raised in Sleepy Hollow and graduated from Dundee Community High School in Carpentersville in 1973; he married Jill A. Rakow on May 1, 1976; and

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WHEREAS, Tom Yucuis was a butcher and meat cutter for 50 years; he owned and operated Butcher On The Block Meat and Deli in Lake in the Hills with his wife; his vision was to create a small family business where he could share his expertise and passion for great food, and over the course of his 25 years in business, his daughters and many grandchildren have worked at Butcher on the Block, sharing in his dream; he loved interacting with his loyal customers who supported the business and made it the success that it is today; and

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WHEREAS, Tom Yucuis had a passion and commitment to giving that knew no limits; he was a great partner to the D300 Food Pantry, which provides D300 children, employees, and their

1 families with access to food and other resources that nurture
2 a healthier, happier, and stronger community; he was in
3 constant contact with the organization, offering items to
4 donate or a special price he was able to get on meat from one
5 of his many vendors; additionally, he facilitated the donation
6 process with vendors who were looking to make a donation due to
7 an excess quantity of a product, and he created a "buy one
8 donate one" program for turkeys during Thanksgiving, which
9 benefited multiple food pantries and fire departments that
10 were helping local families; and

11 WHEREAS, Tom Yucuis was a longtime faithful member of
12 Immanuel Evangelical Lutheran Church in East Dundee; he was an
13 avid golfer and a fan of the White Sox, Chicago Bears, and
14 Chicago Blackhawks; he could easily be found frequenting East
15 Dundee businesses, enjoying Wine Down Wednesdays, Thirsty
16 Thursdays, or just a nice walk downtown; he loved his
17 grandchildren, supporting them at their sporting events and
18 through other life events; he loved to travel and spent
19 vacations with his beloved wife and family; and

20 WHEREAS, Tom Yucuis was preceded in death by his parents;
21 his daughter, Emily; his brother, Raymond Yucuis; his sister,
22 Shari Anatra; his father-in-law and mother-in-law, Eugene and
23 Barbara Rakow; and his brothers-in-law, Lane Rakow and Bruce
24 Kling; and

1 WHEREAS, Tom Yucuis survived by his wife of 50 years,
2 Jill; his daughters, Dana Yucuis, Katie (Vince) Neil, and
3 Brynn (Brian) Zimmerman; his grandchildren, Preston (Jillian),
4 Shea, Dominik, Kendall, Anya, Brady, Spencer, Cameron, Macy,
5 and Maddox; his siblings, Lynne Kling, James (Ann), Jack
6 (Jacquie), Rob (Chris) Yucuis, and Nancy (Brad) Dehmlow; his
7 Rakows-in-law, Kristi (Dennis) DeSantis, Mark (Debra) Rakow,
8 Lantz (Marianne) Rakow, and Susan Rakow; many nieces, nephews,
9 grandnieces, and grandnephews; and countless good and faithful
10 friends; therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
12 HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
13 we mourn the passing of Thomas M. "Tom" Yucuis of East Dundee
14 and extend our sincere condolences to his family, friends, and
15 all who knew and loved him; and be it further

16 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
17 presented to the family of Tom Yucuis of East Dundee as an
18 expression of our deepest sympathy.