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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 George Gnatovich of Rock Island, who passed away on January 5, 2019; and

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WHEREAS, George Gnatovich was born in East Moline to Nicholas and Mary Perkovich Gnatovich on May 27, 1926; he graduated from East Moline High School in 1944; he then began serving in the United States Navy, where he fought in the South Pacific on a Destroyer Escort, the U.S.S. Duffy; he married Joy Skiles in Moline in 1949; and

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WHEREAS, George Gnatovich began his career with his brother, Sam, at Tri City Food in Moline; they went on to build and own Highland Park Bowl; they later owned Sammy G Lanes; and

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WHEREAS, George Gnatovich was a member of St. George Greek Orthodox Church; he enjoyed golfing, bowling, and playing cards, especially euchre; he was known for his ability to tell jokes; one of his happiest moments was playing free golf at Golfmohr after he turned 90; for many decades, he, his brother, John, and their mother had lunch together every Monday; after their mother's death, they continued the tradition, which grew into what they called the "Monday Lunch Club," and, upon his retirement, George's son, Mark, joined; and

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1 WHEREAS, George Gnatovich was preceded in death by his
2 parents; his wife, Joy; his son, George Jr.; and his brother,
3 Sam; and

4 WHEREAS, George Gnatovich is survived by his son, Mark
5 Gnatovich; his grandchildren, Lee, Mark "Nick," and Brandy; his
6 great-grandchild, Devin; his brother, John Gnatovich; and his
7 many nieces and nephews; therefore, be it

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

13 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
14 presented to the family of George Gnatovich as an expression of
15 our deepest sympathy.