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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 Louis E. "Louie" Lyons of Pontiac, who passed away on March 10, 2019; and

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WHEREAS, Louie Lyons was born in Pontiac to Edward and Theresa McCarthy Lyons on September 26, 1931; and

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WHEREAS, Louie Lyons began his career in insurance sales in 1954; he opened his own agency in 1962; he was elected as the Pontiac Township Supervisor in 1969, a position he held for 48 years until his retirement in 2017; he became a real estate broker in 1973 and opened Louis Lyons Realty in 1978; and

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WHEREAS, Louie Lyons was active in many organizations; he was a member of the Livingston County Board from 1969 until 1978, serving as the board chairman the last two years; he helped organize the Livingston County Board of Realtors in 1979 and served as president in 1983; he was a member of the Humiston Trust Board, serving as chairman since 2006; he was named Realtor of the Year in 1983, Pontiac Businessman of the Year in 2010, and Citizen of the Year in 2004; he was a Mid-Central Community Action member and received the Community Services Award in 2002; he was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church and the Pontiac Elks Club for over 60 years; he enjoyed

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1 spending summers fishing for crappie on White Lake in Michigan;
2 he and Kay were often seen "summer driving" in his 1971 Buick
3 Skylark convertible on the Pontiac square and at Dairy Queen;
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5 WHEREAS, Louie Lyons was preceded in death by his parents
6 and his brother, Gene Lyons; and

7 WHEREAS, Louie Lyons is survived by his wife of 65 years,
8 Kay; his sons, Lon (Robin) Lyons, Larry (Maureen) Lyons, and
9 Jim (Cindy) Lyons; his brothers, Owen (Patricia) Lyons and
10 Harold "Pink" Lyons; his sisters, Frances Russow and Kathleen
11 Rathbun; and his grandchildren, Matt (LB) Lyons, Kristin Lyons,
12 Jamie (Robert) Langworthy, Jared Lyons, Kelsey Lyons, and Tyler
13 Lyons; therefore, be it

14 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL
15 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
16 Louis E. "Louie" Lyons and extend our sincere condolences to
17 his family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it
18 further

19 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
20 presented to the family of Louie Lyons as an expression of our
21 deepest sympathy.