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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 Luigi "Lou" Cardone, who passed away on May 3, 2019 at the age of 71; and

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WHEREAS, Lou Cardone was born in Ceglie del Campo, Italy to Pasquale and Isabella Cardone on June 11, 1947; he was one of nine siblings; in 1955, the family moved to Chicago and lived on Taylor Street in the Little Italy neighborhood, later settling in Galewood; and

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WHEREAS, Lou Cardone, along with his brother Johnny, bought the local Oak Park kosher deli restaurant, the Onion Roll, in 1984 and left an indelible mark on the North Avenue corridor and its surrounding communities for 30 years; and

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WHEREAS, Lou Cardone created a community in his deli where everyone was welcomed and "people knew who you were and knew how you liked your coffee"; any topic could be discussed, from lighthearted conversations to deep and robust political discussions; and

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WHEREAS, Lou Cardone was known to join the conversations and attempt to "solve the problems of the world"; he was a no-nonsense person, who was not afraid to "throw a few barbs at

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1 his regular customers" in jest; he gave the impression of being  
2 an assertive manager with good instincts about people; and

3 WHEREAS, In 1988, Lou Cardone found love at his deli when  
4 his future wife, Judy, walked in to purchase lox and bagels;  
5 she quickly became a regular at the restaurant; he eventually  
6 asked for her number, and they married in 1994; in their 31  
7 years of marriage, they enjoyed taking 42 cruises together; and

8 WHEREAS, During his years at the Onion Roll, Lou Cardone  
9 woke up at 3 a.m. every day to pick up donuts and bagels before  
10 returning to the restaurant to begin prep for daily service;  
11 around 7:30 a.m., he returned home to bring his wife a cup of  
12 coffee with a scribbled love note on the cup; and

13 WHEREAS, Under his gruffness, Lou Cardone was sentimental  
14 with a "heart of gold," a man of integrity, a good person, and  
15 a better neighbor; during the years he owned the Onion Roll, he  
16 was pleased to know his community well and hoped his customers  
17 felt as if they were part of his family; and

18 WHEREAS, Lou Cardone was preceded in death by his parents,  
19 Pasquale and Isabella Cardone, and his siblings, Ralph  
20 (Darlene) Cardone, Lenny Cardone, and Lena Vasile; and

21 WHEREAS, Lou Cardone is survived by his loving wife, Judy

1 Cardone; his brothers, Johnny Cardone and Frankie (Tina)  
2 Cardone; his sisters, Lisa (Peter) Capellani, Vita (Jack) De  
3 Carlo, and Jill Gallo; his daughter, Jennifer; his grandson,  
4 Brandon; and many nieces and nephews; therefore, be it

5 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL  
6 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of  
7 Luigi "Lou" Cardone and extend our sincere condolences to his  
8 family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it  
9 further

10 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
11 presented to the family of Lou Cardone as an expression of our  
12 deepest sympathy.