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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 Samuel "Sam" Marcusson, who passed away on July 19, 2020; and

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WHEREAS, Sam Marcusson was born in Portland, Oregon to Agnes and Manfred Marcusson on January 21, 1945; when he was about a year old his parents moved to Sweden, and he lived there until he was about five, at which time his family returned to the U.S. and settled in Chicago; he met Darlene on September 17, 1966, and they were engaged by that Thanksgiving; they married on April 22, 1967 and settled on the north side of Chicago; and

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WHEREAS, Sam Marcusson and Darlene had their first child, Nicole, in 1972; the family moved to St. Charles, and he was hired by the city to work in the street department; he also served as an on call firefighter and was assigned to the aerial ladder truck; their second child, Bethany, was born in 1976; and

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WHEREAS, Sam Marcusson loved his girls and was never too tired at the end of the day to play with them; he also volunteered at their school and never missed one of their softball or volleyball games; he loved to take the girls

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1 "sailing" on Saturdays, going to the best garage sales in town  
2 and treasure hunting; he was a very faithful, giving, caring  
3 person and throughout his life never hesitated to help anyone  
4 in need; and

5 WHEREAS, Sam Marcusson helped resettle Vietnamese refugees  
6 in the 1970s; he volunteered extensively at a homeless shelter  
7 in Aurora in the 1980s; he and his wife founded a homeless  
8 shelter in St. Charles in 1997, the Lazarus House, which is now  
9 an established part of the community and has helped thousands  
10 of people over the years; and

11 WHEREAS, Sam Marcusson's first grandchild, Samuel Marcus,  
12 was born in 2002; the following year, his second grandson,  
13 Micah Marcus, was born; he adored the boys and shared his love  
14 of fishing with them; and

15 WHEREAS, Sam Marcusson and Darlene retired and moved to  
16 Coconut Creek, Florida in 2012 and began volunteering with a  
17 homeless ministry; one night when Sam was volunteering at a  
18 soup kitchen, a homeless guest came to the door barefoot and  
19 told Sam that someone had stolen his shoes; without a moment's  
20 hesitation, Sam stepped out of his shoes and offered them as a  
21 replacement; therefore, be it

22 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL

1 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of  
2 Samuel "Sam" Marcusson and extend our sincere condolences to  
3 his family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it  
4 further

5 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
6 presented to the family of Sam Marcusson as an expression of  
7 our deepest sympathy.