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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 Martin "Marty" Ozinga III, who passed away on April 26, 2021; and

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WHEREAS, Marty Ozinga earned a degree in psychology at Calvin College in Grand Rapids, Michigan; he was married to his wife, Ruth, for 40 years until her passing in 2010, and together they raised their six sons; and

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WHEREAS, Marty Ozinga began working for Ozinga, a fourth-generation family business best known for its red and white striped concrete mixer trucks, at age 15; he started as a \$1-per-hour laborer in the company's first yard in Evergreen Park; by age 18, he was driving a ready-mix concrete truck for union wages; in 1973, he became general manager at age 23 and, in 1985, succeeded his father as president of Ozinga; along with his cousins Rich and Jim, he led the business through a period of tremendous growth; this included expanding into the downtown Chicago market where Ozinga supplied concrete for high-profile projects such as the construction of the new Comiskey Park (now Guaranteed Rate Field), the renovation of Soldier Field, and the production of more than 250,000 cubic yards of concrete for the Dan Ryan Expressway; he most recently served as the chairman of the board of the company; in

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1 2012, he handed over the operations of the family business to
2 his six sons and their cousin, Jeff; and

3 WHEREAS, Marty Ozinga is survived by his wife, Melissa;
4 his six sons and their wives; and his twenty-nine
5 grandchildren; therefore, be it

6 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL
7 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
8 Martin "Marty" Ozinga III and extend our sincere condolences
9 to his family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be
10 it further

11 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
12 presented to the family Marty Ozinga as an expression of our
13 deepest sympathy.